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ABSTRACT

The bibliography is an annotated list of software for language learning and includes items in use by TESOL teachers and those marketed for bilingual and English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) education. An introductory section describes the listings and their use, gives a brief history of the software list, a brief introduction to computer-assisted language learning (CALL) and its techniques, a short list of CALL resources in print, and related on-line reviews and World Wide Web resources. The listing itself is divided into four main sections: software designed for Mackintosh computers, software designed for Windows/MS-DOS machines, a separate list of materials appropriate for elementary school use, and a list of CD-ROM materials developed by TESOL. Lists of publishers and contacts are also included, and contents are indexed by subject or type (bilingual, business, CD-ROM, literacy, science, Test of English as a Foreign Language) and alphabetically. (MSE)

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HOW TO USE THIS LIST

The *TESOL CALL Interest Section Software List* is an annotated list of software for language learning. Items included are those reported in use by ESOL teachers and those marketed for ESL/bilingual education.

The listing of Internet resources was compiled again this year by Leslie Opp-Beckman. It is intended to be an annotated listing of places newcomers to the Internet should start, not a comprehensive list of what is available or how to use the Internet in classroom teaching. (For information about the latter, there are some excellent titles in the Resources section below.)

The Elementary Education section highlights those titles geared specifically to preschool and elementary-age children (approximately age 4-12). It does not include those titles suitable for "All" types of students; check in the regular listings for additional titles that will work for elementary schoolers as well as other types of students.

In the Software Listing, titles are grouped by hardware (Macintosh and Windows/DOS) and within that, by language skill or application. A number of titles in last year's edition have either been discontinued by the publisher or the publisher is no longer in business. We have left those titles in the list in the "Discontinued" category. Programs available for more than one machine type have duplicated listings. Please note that the skill area grouping is for general reference only; most of these programs can be used for a variety of language learning tasks. Programs have occasionally been listed in more than one area, where that seemed especially appropriate.

The publisher is listed after the title, followed by names of some of the vendors that also carry that title. Publisher addresses are in alphabetical order at the end of the software listings. In the Publisher listing we have marked with an asterisk the addresses that we were unable to confirm.

Next comes pricing information. We have included the single-copy price as of December, 1998, wherever possible. Do be aware that prices are subject to change without notice. We have also listed other pricing options, such as whether site licensing, network versions, and lab packs are available. Contact the publisher for the cost of the specific option you want. If no price is listed, we could not get that information from the publisher in time for this edition.

After the pricing information we have the type of learner the material is most suited for. This is an approximation, since a skilled teacher can make use of just about anything with just about anyone. The types are:

All	
K-6	(elementary education—ages 5-12)
7-12	(secondary education—ages 13-18)
Adult	(adult education—these are students who are not necessarily university-bound)
HE	(higher education—university- or university-bound students)
All but ___	(for everyone except the group listed, such as All but K-6)

The proficiency level comes next; we used L (literacy), B (beginning), I (intermediate) and A (advanced). If the material has significant authoring capability, a T (teacher) also appears. These levels are also approximate, since one institution's "beginner" may be another's "intermediate." Some titles have a "Special use" category. The "special uses" included are elementary education, bilingual, literacy, TOEFL, and English for Specific Purposes (ESP). All programs marked as bilingual are English-Spanish unless otherwise noted.

A short description of the program is given next. Descriptions came from the teachers who recommended the title, the editors, or the software publisher. We have edited the descriptions to be as fair and objective as possible.

Many entries also include a reference to published software reviews or discussions. Addresses for the publishers are in the Resources section, and information about websites with reviews are in the Software Reviews Online section below. Abbreviations used are:

CIS = *CALL Interest Section Newsletter*
CJ = *CÆLL Journal*
CALI = *CALICO Journal*
STDOM= *Something to Do on Monday*
STDOT = *Something to Do on Tuesday*
Chorus = http://www-writing.berkeley.edu/chorus/call/index.html
DigiEnglish = http://digienglish.org/software_reviews.htm
ESL Linc = http://207.236.117.20/orlac/
Chantril's = http://www. cltr.uq.edu.au:8000/~richardc/reviews.html
T&L = http://www.techlearning.com/

After many entries you will find the last names of people who may be contacted for more information about the program. These are ESOL teachers who have used these programs and who are willing to discuss their strengths, weaknesses, and possible uses. The addresses and phone numbers of all the contact people follow the publisher list. If you see "Info from: Catalog," it means that the description came from the publisher rather than from a teacher.

Format of the listings:

Title
Publisher Additional vendors
Price Purchase options
Proficiency level Type of learner
Special use
Source of information: Review, teacher references
Description

MicroConcord Corpus Collections
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press See also Wida, Athelstan
Price: $99 each **Purchase options:** site license
Level: Intermediate **For:** 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Higgins
Description: MicroConcord allows you to search large text libraries for all occurrences of a word, which is an excellent way of dealing with many questions that arise out of corrections of written work, such as "What is the difference between first and at first?" or "..I don't care and I don't mind?" Collection A is taken from 'The Independent' newspaper; Collection B, from OUP publications.

This version of the Software List includes indexes for those categories that people requested most: bilingual education, literacy, English for Specific Purposes, and TOEFL. In addition, there is an alphabetical index of all titles and a listing of titles available on CD-ROM.

Unless marked with an asterisk, the information on this list was verified as accurate as of press time (December 30, 1998). If you find any mistakes or have any additions, please contact Deborah Healey or Norman Johnson, TESOL CALL-IS Software List Editors, 360 E. 15th Avenue, Eugene OR 97401.

Note: The CALL-IS makes no guarantees as to the efficacy of any of the software listed here.

January 1999 Deborah Healey & Norman Johnson, Editors

THE CALL-IS SOFTWARE LIST: A SHORT HISTORY

Norman Johnson, Lane Community College

This being the 10-year anniversary edition of the CALL IS Software List, it seemed fitting to use this occasion for a little reflection. In so doing, I hope we can see afresh what we have accomplished as well as the lessons we've learned from the struggles along the way that might yield a better future. Reflecting back even 10 years in the computer business gives one an awareness of just how much incredible change has taken place in this part of our profession.

Ten years ago the first listing of Software for ESL published by the CALL Interest Section was a modest document of 13 pages held together by a staple in one corner. It was produced by Claire Bradin with the help of Michael Carrier, Elizabeth Hanson-Smith, Deborah Healey, Patricia Mulligan, Ellen Smith, Vance Stevens, Macey Taylor, and myself. This effort was born out of a felt need to share information on a wider scale about who's using what software and where you can get it. At that time, there wasn't much published software designed specifically for ESL. Teachers active in CALL were mostly using titles designed for other audiences and other purposes. There was a lot of emphasis on public domain and teacher-created software, and the interest section had compiled a collection of public domain software titles for distribution to its membership. The hardware platforms used by teachers were reflected in the list with separate sections for DOS-based systems, Apple II, Macintosh, Commodore 64 and Amiga computer systems. This first edition was mostly just a list of titles and publishers, often with only a two or three word description to guide teachers in the selection process.

Succeeding editions of this publication grew in complexity, detail and size so that this year's edition will run over 250 pages. There have been many changes in the field of CALL over these past 10 years, some maybe beneficial and some possibly to the detriment of teaching and learning. There are a number of ESL publishers marketing software specifically for the ESL market, yet much of what is used by those knowledgeable in the field of CALL is still repurposed from other markets. ESL software titles are now often linked to specific textbook series, although publishers seem to be now moving more towards putting up a website related to their text instead of publishing a software product. As Deborah and I worked on this current edition we were struck by the fact that there weren't very many new titles to add to the list. Another change very apparent this year is the large number of buyouts that have taken place. A number of independent software houses that have supplied software used by ESL teachers have been bought out in the past months: Hartley Software by Jostens Home Learning; Davidson and EPC by Knowledge Adventure; Broderbund, Softkey and Compton New Media by The Learning Company to name just a few. While there can be an economy of size that could result in lower prices for educational software through these buyouts, one suspects that the true end-result will be less variety of software being sold for the same prices (or more).

The energy that many teachers put in to developing simple software programs to be used by their students 10 years ago, is now being devoted to the development of webpages and Internet-based learning activities for their classes. Anyone involved in this activity will attest to the energizing and empowering affect it has on both teachers and students. There is a spirit of freely sharing that marks these two periods as positive ones in the field of CALL. This publication has attempted to reflect this development with an extensive collection of Internet resources prepared primarily by Leslie Opp-Beckman of the University of Oregon. What will the next 10 years hold for us? I won't be so bold as to hazard a guess, except that in 10 years time you won't be seeing a printed copy of this list anymore. This list, as with many more resources for teachers and learners, will be readily available on the Internet. I hope we will find a way to keep technology in service of teachers so that we will be excited about the work that we are doing together in the field of CALL.

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO CALL

Deborah Healey, Oregon State University
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The field of Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) has changed considerably over the years, as Norm Johnson points out in his "Brief History of CALL." Technology is increasingly part of the language classroom, and many teachers have regular use of computers for their own professional as well as for instructional work. More teachers also have Internet access for themselves and their students, opening more doors for effective use of technology in service of teaching. The computer is a versatile tool, capable of performing any number of educational tasks. However, its place in the curriculum is still clearly secondary to that of the teacher—and the teacher's knowledge and creativity are key to making good use of this tool. This introduction is intended to prompt you to look at what we do in class and how computers can make what we do easier and more effective.

First, let's think about classroom activities you do now and methods you use: One teacher's list might look something like this:

* content- and project-based instruction
* information gathering activities
* vocabulary enhancement
* group discussions
* pronunciation practice
* notional/functional focus
* prewriting activities
* revising of writing, etc.

Now let's look at what computers do well:

1) facilitate re-writing by letting students rearrange text easily;
2) integrate audio, video, text, and graphics;
3) enable access to online resources, such as electronic mail, libraries, and websites;
4) help students work collaboratively by sharing ideas and writing on a local network;
5) open the door to global projects with other classes on the World Wide Web;
6) customize instruction (repeat as often as needed, give immediate answers, address different learning styles, etc.);
7) control lesson presentation (pace activities, randomize or order items);
8) automate mechanical tasks (create cloze exercises, concordances, and crossword puzzles);
9) motivate students (students want to use computers and learn about them);
10) keep detailed records of student performance.

What are some ways that a computer might be able to help with what you do in class? For example, content-based instruction fits well with #3, #4 and #5. Pronunciation drills fit with #6 and #7. As you can see there are multiple possible uses of computers for many different language teaching activities. Whether you will choose to do a certain teaching activity with the help of a computer or not depends both on the availability of appropriate software and on the specific instructional goals you have for your students. You may choose to do a business simulation activity without the help of the computer because you want the students to practice organizing and keeping track of the information required to complete the simulation. On the other hand, a computer can free up your students from the maze of facts required to complete a simulation so that they can focus on the language of negotiation and problem solving.

One important thing to remember is that creative teachers will find uses of a particular software application that are quite distinct from the intended uses of the publisher. Consequently you will find many titles listed in this publication that were designed with no thought to learning English as a second language at all. Yet when we asked computer-using teachers what software titles they were using with their students we received replies with everything from business simulations to popular computer games. (There are many fine titles specifically designed for ESOL students, as well.)

As you consider what kinds of software you may want to acquire for your school's use it may be helpful to divide CALL into four general types.

FOUR TYPES OF CALL ACTIVITIES

1. Provide a forum for a response or a reason for interaction
   These programs may not teach language per se, but they make learning it easier or better. The Internet (e-mail and the Web) and word-processors are probably the most prevalent computer tools in this category. Another program of this type is a concordancer that allows learners to see a multitude of examples of a word or structure and derive their own generalizations from the examples. These programs often give students a reason to communicate with each other in the second language. An online conferencing tool, whether a chat room or software run on a local network, provides an easy way for teachers to encourage students to interact in writing. These programs are tools, not tutors; the computer does not judge the answers.

2. Find the correct answer
   This type of program can be a drill or other format for specific skill practice. It's sometimes called "computer as tutor," as per Taylor (1980) or "magisterial" software, as per Higgins (1988). These programs "know" the answer and will judge the student's response as correct or incorrect according to its own stored criteria. Some aspects of language learning work better with this type of practice than others. Pronunciation, especially work to reduce fossilized mispronunciations, is commonly drilled. Drills can offer sophisticated error checking and can provide information about weak areas in need of work. Other formats for this type of program are speed reading/paced reading, text manipulation, and exploratory programs, as well as many different kinds of games such as concentration, word searches, and digital competitions.

3. Decide on the next step
   With this type of program, most often represented by simulations and games, the computer rolls the dice. Students respond to a situation by typing in a decision they have made, at which point the computer calculates the result and offers the students further choices. While a teacher can serve as the arbiter in class in the same way, somehow the computer is more believably impartial.

4. Help teachers
   Gradebook programs, crossword puzzle generators, programs that download websites, and authoring systems in general fall into this category. These programs can make the teacher's life considerably easier. They also make it possible to create material a busy teacher might not otherwise do, such as crosswords and word search puzzles.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USING CALL

The first step is to think about what you do now, as mentioned above. When you think about what you would like to do in class, keep in mind the power of the computer for managing information and manipulating it in various ways. Computer use opens up new possibilities for doing things in a different way—working with databases of information, having students take more control of their learning, etc. If you have Internet access, also think about possibilities for interacting with others and for having students present information on a global stage.

In the same way that teachers want to look through a text before they start using it, you do need to try out the software yourself before turning students loose on it in class. Still, don't worry too much about being an expert. You can generally count on someone in class who will know more than you do and figure out what to do next if problems come up.

Whether students are using drills or real-world applications, CALL can be a communicative activity if students work in pairs or small groups. With group work on a drill, have all the students agree on an answer before typing it in and/or pressing return. In a simulation, different members of the group can be responsible for notetaking, calculating, keeping track of different variables and making specific decisions. Many simulations require the use of detailed notes to keep track of decisions that have been made; with those programs, more than one person can be responsible for notetaking.

CALL offers a number of possibilities for giving students control of their own learning. For example, students can use crosswords or test generation programs to make up exercises for each other. The exercises can be content-based rather than being language tests, since the goal is to have students use language while doing the task. Students can use Internet resources to gather information, then put it together into a class newsletter or a webpage. Here the teacher sets the guidelines and helps students find and use information efficiently. Where classes are collaborating on a project, the teacher is especially important in setting the ground rules for interactions and topics for students to work on ("Hi" and "What are your favorite hobbies" doesn't get very far). Whether the students are collaborating across the globe or working individually in a lab, the teacher provides the connection between what students are doing in class and what they are doing on the computer.

A number of resources—print media and organizations—are listed on the following pages. These groups and publications are invaluable sources of help and information for novices and for experienced CALL users. If you have access to the Internet, there are many more possibilities. To start out you can join TESL-L (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Electronic List), an electronic discussion forum. To do this send an E-mail message to:
Listserv@cunyvm.cuny.edu and say in the body of the message:
subscribe TESL-L <your first name> <your last name>

Put in your own first name and last name, and don't include the < > signs. For example:
subscribe TESL-L Mary Smith
Uppercase and lowercase don't matter. If you get stuck, send an e-mail message to Anthea Tillyer, abthc@cunyvm.cuny.edu on the Internet. She'll send you further instructions about signing onto TESL-L.

We hope you'll find using computers in your teaching fun, rewarding, and useful. If you use programs not listed here, please make sure you send in the Form for Additions to the Software List to share your experience with others. Good luck!

CALL RESOURCES IN PRINT

Books:

Barlow, Michael and Suzanne Kemmer (Eds.) (1998)*Technology and Language Learning Yearbook, Vol. 8* Houston, TX: Athelstan. This volume, which is updated yearly, lists new titles of software and books related to the use of technology in language learning.

Boswood, T. (1997). *New ways of using computers in language teaching.* Alexandria, VA: TESOL Publications. A collection of essays by computer-using teachers.

Daiute, Colette (1985) *Writing and Computers.* Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley. An overview of the writing process and how it is affected by computers with an emphasis on elementary and secondary schools. Still useful and timely.

Docterman, D.A. (1997). *Great teaching in the one-computer classroom.* Watertown, MA: Tom Snyder Productions. An update of the 1989 *Teaching in the One Computer Classroom*, this has a great many practical suggestions that every teacher can use, whether the classroom is equipped with one or thirty computers.

Dunkel, Patricia (Ed.) (1991) *Computer-Assisted Language Learning and Testing: Research Issues and Practice.* New York: Newbury House. A collection of articles covering research into computer use in instruction with a focus on English language teaching.

Egbert, Joy and Elizabeth Hanson-Smith (Eds.) (1999). *CALL Environments: Research, Practice, and Critical Issues.* A collection of essays by various CALL teachers and researchers.

Hanson-Smith, Elizabeth. (1991) *How to Set Up a Computer Lab: Advice for the Beginner.* Houston, TX: Athelstan. A very practical and useful guide to novice computer users entrusted with the responsibility of setting up a computer lab.

Hardisty, David and Scott Windeatt (1989) *CALL.* Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. A very practical guide to CALL. This book describes the "types" of computer programs used in CALL, the kinds of language learning activities CALL can encompass, and the ways that CALL can be integrated into a language learning program.

Healey, Deborah (1995) *Something to Do on Tuesday.* Houston: Athelstan. This is a "how-to" book for teachers interested in using CALL, with ideas for ways to use specific types of software in the classroom and suggested lesson plans.

Higgins, John. (1988) *Language, Learners, and Computers.* London: Longman. An important contribution towards a theory of CALL. Higgins' metaphor of "magister and pedagogue" to describe two different approaches to CALL has provided a useful starting point of discussion.

Jabaji, Raymonde (1995). *CALL Software Guide for ESL Instructors at Post-secondary Institutions in British Columbia.* Vancouver: Curriculum Publications. An annotated listing of software reviewed and recommended by ESL instructors in adult and higher education settings in British Columbia, Canada.

Jabaji, Raymonde (1996). *Teachers' Handbook to ESL/EFL Web Sites and Internet Educational Resources.* Vancouver, BC: Vancouver Community College. This pamphlet provides an annotated listing of ESL teacher and student educational resources, including Web sites, MOOs and Chats, student discussion lists, and search engines. Good for those starting out.

Jones, Christopher, and Sue Fortescue. (1987) *Using Computers in the Language Classroom.* London: Longman. Although relatively short and somewhat dated now, this text is still a good introduction to CALL for teachers new to CALL who want to get right in to work.

Pederson, T. & Moss, F. (1995). *Internet for kids*. Los Angeles: Price Stern Sloan. This is a guide for classroom teachers, kids, and parents with some great ideas about places and activities on the Internet.

Pennington, Martha (Ed.) (1989) *Teaching Languages with Computers: The State of the Art*. La Jolla, CA: Athelstan. The focus here is on concepts underlying the use of computers in the language classroom—theory rather than practice.

Pennington, Martha and Vance Stevens. (Eds.) (1996). *The Power of CALL*. Houston: Athelstan. A look at the theoretical underpinnings of CALL, with articles on methodology, research, hypermedia, concordancing, and reading, writing, and speaking skill development with computers.

Sperling, D. (1997). *The Internet guide for English language teachers*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall Regents. Dave may be on his third edition by the time you read this. His book explains many of the sites that Dave's ESL Cafe (www.eslcafe.com) points to, offering more ideas for ways ESL teachers can use the Internet.

Taylor, Macey, and Laura Perez. (1989) *Something to Do on Monday*. La Jolla, CA: Athelstan. This precursor to *Something to Do on Tuesday* focuses on software for Apple II, Commodore 64, and early IBM models. The techniques are useful with current software, as well.

Taylor, Robert. (1980) *The Computer in the School: Tutor, Tool, Tutee*. New York: Teachers College Press. The introductory chapter of this once seminal anthology is still must reading for anyone interested in CALL.

Tennant, R., Ober, J., & Lipow, A. (1994). *Crossing the Internet threshold* (2nd ed.). Berkeley, CA: Library Solutions Press. While not specifically for ESL, this is a comprehensive yet easy to understand guide to Internet possibilities.

US Congress, Office of Technology Assessment (1988). *Power On! New Tools for Teaching and Learning*. Washington: US Government Printing Office. This volume will be of special interest to K-12 school language teachers interested in CALL. While some things have changed since the book was written, there are still too few resources devoted to non-native speakers of English in US schools.

US Congress, Office of Technology Assessment (1993). *Adult Literacy and New Technologies: Tools for a Lifetime*. OTA-SET-550. Washington: US Government Printing Office. While not ESL/EFL-specific, this provides extensive information on how computer use can benefit adult learners. Especially useful for grant writers.

Warschauer, Mark. (1995). *E-mail for English Teaching*. Alexandria, VA: TESOL. Teachers new to e-mail in the classroom and current practitioners will find a wealth of information here about setting up and using e-mail effectively as a teaching tool.

Warschauer, Mark (Ed.) (1996). *Virtual Connections*. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii Press. This is a collection of descriptions by teachers of how they use the Internet in their classrooms. It is an excellent resource for both newcomers and experts, with ideas about using e-mail, the World Wide Web, MOOs, newsgroups, Chat, and other Internet resources.

Warschauer, M. (1999). *Electronic Literacies: Language, Culture, and Power in Online Education*. Mahway, NJ; Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Organizations, Journals and Newsletters:

CALICO Journal, CALICO, 214 Centennial Hall, Southwest Texas State University, 601 University Drive, San Marcos TX 78666. Email: info@calico.org; Web: http://www.calico.org/. This refereed journal covers the whole range of computer use in foreign language education, including ESL. The articles tend to be of greatest interest to those in academic settings.

CÆLL Journal, ISTE, University of Oregon, 1787 Agate Street, Eugene, OR 97403. Email: cust_svc@iste.org; Web: http://www.iste.org/. A refereed quarterly journal covering the developing theory, research and practice of CALL in ESL settings.

Computer-Assisted Language Learning, Ablex Publishing Corp., 335 Chestnut Street, Norwood NJ 07648. A scholarly publication with a focus on research.

International Association for Leaning Laboratories (IALL), Language Resource Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI 48109. Email: edente@emerald.tufts.edu; Web: http://polyglot.lss.wisc.edu/IALL/. This association is especially valuable for those who direct language or computer labs. They publish the *IALL Journal* and have an annual convention.

MUESLI (Micro Users in ESL Institutions), IATEFL, 3 Kingstown Chambers, Tankerton, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2DJ, United Kingdom. Web: http://www.iatefl.org/. This is the special interest section of IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) devoted to CALL.

National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE), 1220 L St. NW, Suite 605, Washington, DC 20005. Email: nabe@nabe.org; Web: http://www.nabe.org/.

National Clearinghouse on Bilingual Education (NCBE), 1118 22nd Street N.W., Washington DC 20037. Email: askncbe@ncbe.gwu.edu; Web: http://www.ncbe.gwu.edu/. This is an excellent site with links to many others of interest to language teachers.

ReCALL, CTI, Centre for Modern Languages, University of Hull, Cottingham Rd, Hull, HU6 7RX, United Kingdom; e-mail: eurocall@hull.ac.uk; Web: http://www.hull.ac.uk/cti/eurocall/recall.htm. ReCALL is published in May and November, with NewsSheets published three or four times a year. Available free of charge to academics in the UK and by subscription overseas from CTI.

SYSTEM, Pergamon Press, Inc., Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, NY 10523. A scholarly journal published in the UK covering all aspects of educational technology and language learning.

The TESOL CALL Interest Section publishes the semi-annual *CALL-IS Newsletter*, which may be received by TESOL members by designating the CALL Interest Section as their primary interest group. Contact the TESOL office, 1600 Cameron St., Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314. The mid-year edition usually contains short articles and reviews of practical interest. Email: publ@tesol.edu; Web: http://www.tesol.edu/.

SOFTWARE REVIEWS ONLINE

Name & URL	What's in it for me?
Chorus Online Reviews http://www-writing.berkeley.edu/chorus/call/index.html	A few reviews, as well as a number of other resources for ESL teachers.
DigiEnglish Software Reviews http://digienglish.org/software_reviews.htm	This site contains a collection of evaluations of 13 software titles prepared by ESL students at the University of Washington in Seattle. Each of the 13 titles reviewed here was tested by 3 students and their averaged marks are reflected in the evaluation.
ESL Linc: Computer Resources for ESL http://207.236.117.20/orlac/	This site contains reviews of 275 software titles used in ESL instruction in Canada. Each review contains a 1-2 paragraph description followed by an assessment of the software of similar length and an overall rating. Each listing concludes with detailed information on the publisher of the software.
Richard Chantril's Website: Selected Software Reviews online http://www.cltr.uq.edu.au:8000/~richardc/reviews.html	Richard's website has links to 8 CALL software reviews that have been published on the Internet in various online journals such as TESL-EJ and On-CALL. He also has links to other small review sites.
Technology & Learning Online: Searchable Software Reviews (T&L Online) http://www.techlearning.com/	This site offers comparative reviews of similar products. Each review includes a product description and publisher information along with links to related articles and web sites.

WORLD WIDE WEB RESOURCES

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This is intended to be an annotated listing of places that newcomers to the Internet can start, not a comprehensive list of what is available or how to use the Internet in classroom teaching. The URLs (Uniform Resource Locators, or Web addresses) and descriptions were accurate as of January 1999. Due to the ephemeral nature of the Internet, however, we can make no guarantee as to content or availability of websites when you visit them. A similar version of this list is also available through the CALL-IS website: http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~call/

SITES to EXPLORE for ESOL

NAME OF WEBSITE and URL (Web Address)	WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?
• **ESOL-SPECIFIC SITES**	
CALL Interest Section http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~call/	Webpages for TESOL's CALL Interest Section. Resources and links to upcoming and past events.
CELIA[1] http://www.latrobe.edu.au/gse/celia/celia.html	Freeware and software appropriate for use in an ESOL classroom or program
Chorus http://www-writing.berkeley.edu/chorus/	Includes general reviews section and several topical sections featuring reviews, original research, bibliographies, annotated links and demonstrations with Shockwave (plug-in available at the site).
Clip Art for Foreign/Second Language Instruction http://www.sla.purdue.edu/fll/JapanProj/FLClipart/	A wonderful collection of drawings for educational use. Categories include verbs, adjectives, sports, time and many other topics. Instructions also available in Japanese.
Comenius (Virtual English Language Center) http://www.comenius.com/	An established site with student activities for idioms and fables which are updated and changed regularly.
Dave's ESL Cafe http://www.eslcafe.com	A little of everything on the "menu" here -- from writing on the graffiti wall to email exchanges, and from quizzes to help centers.
Frizzy University Network(F.U.N.) http://thecity.sfsu.edu/~funweb	Lists of many types of ESOL resources.
ExCHANGE (LINGUA CENTER) http://deil.lang.uiuc.edu/exchange/	Stories, poetry, penpals and more -- an edited site where students can submit quality pieces of work.
Intercultural E-Mail Classroom Connections http://www.stolaf.edu/network/iecc/	A good-quality, free service for finding email penpals ("keypals") for your students.
Internet-Based Projects for Business "Networking" http://babel.uoregon.edu/aei/esp/tcis.html	Twenty Internet-based projects that cover common key business topics.
iT's On-Line http://its-online.com/	Separate sections for students and teachers. An "e-zine" with monthly additions of class activities and ideas.
Ohio Univ. CALL Lab Teaching Resources http://www.tcom.ohiou.edu/OU_Language/teacher/index.html	Resources, testing, employment, language teaching put together by John McVicker... it's all here.
PIZZAZ, Creative Writing http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~leslieob/pizzaz.html	Poetry and fiction activities/handouts for online and in-class use. All ages. Bibliography of sites included.

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[1] The CELIA archives are also available on CD through TESOL for $25.00.

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Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab http://www.tesol.edu/pubs/magz/wanweb.html	RealAudio sound files with accompanying quizzes, listed by topic and level. A great concept, however some audio recordings may be difficult to hear.
Ron Corio's Online Classroom http://www.vcu.edu/cspweb/ron.html	Concrete examples of ESOL classes which are conducted and supported online.
Student Lists http://www.kyoto-su.ac.jp/~trobb/slinfo.html http://weber.u.washington.edu/~wings/studentlists.html	Listservs which were established in February 1994 to provide a forum for cross-cultural discussion and writing practice for college, university and adult students in English language programs around the world.
Tech-Tips http://osu.orst.edu/dept/eli/prevtips.html	An excellent resource of how to use various software and Internet resources in teaching.
TESOL http://www.tesol.edu/ TESOL's Wandering the Web http://www.tesol.edu/pubs/magz/wanweb.html	The official website for the TESOL organization. Conferences, publications, news updates and more! Be sure to visit Christine Meloni's "Wandering the Web" column.
WWW Activities that Work (and Why!) http://deil.lang.uiuc.edu/resources/TESOL/www_activities.html	A compilation of ideas for incorporating the Web into ESOL courses.
Writing Resources & Labs on the Net http://owl.english.purdue.edu/	An established online writing lab. Handouts included.
• OTHER EDUCATIONAL SITES	
Apple Classrooms of Tomorrow http://www.research.apple.com/go/acot/acotresearch.html	Research, teaching ideas and case studies from the ACOT LAB.
AskERIC http://ericir.syr.edu/index.html	A clearinghouse of publications, grant resources, class activities and more!
Autodesk Foundation: Project Based Learning http://webgate.autodesk.com/foundation/resources/pubs.htm	News, features and columns for project-based learning, school-to-career initiatives, and educational technology.
Best Practices in Education http://www.bestpraceduc.org/	Ideas for American teachers to find effective educational practices from other countries to adapt and apply in United States schools.
Books Online http://www.cs.cmu.edu/Web/booktitles.html	100's of books published online -- including lots of fiction!
Community Learning Network http://www.cln.org/cln.html	K-12, general education, and Internet resource sites here.
Copyright Issues Related to Distance Learning and Multimedia Development http://www.lib.siu.edu/regional/copyright.html	Categories include General Copyright Information, Distance Education, Multimedia Issues, and Electronic Reserve.
Create Your Own Newspaper (CRAYON) http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~boulter/crayon/index.html	Visitors to this site set up their own "paper" with the types of articles and comics they want to read. Updated daily.
Cyberangels http://www.cyberangels.org/	An organization dedicated to online safety in education.
Distance Education Clearinghouse http://www.uwex.edu/disted/home.html	Glossaries, articles, conference information.
EDUCAUSE http://www.educause.edu/ Now merged with Educom http://educom.edu/	Educause is a nonprofit consortium of higher education institutions that facilitates the introduction, use, and access to and management of information resources in teaching, learning, scholarship, and research. Information on conferences, seminars, publications, etc.

Human Computer Interaction Resources on the Net http://www.ida.liu.se/labs/aslab/groups/um/hci/	Methods, guidelines, issues, tools, case studies and bibliographies.
Human Languages Pages http://www.june29.com/HLP/	1900 hand-reviewed links in a directory listing and in a searchable database
Library of Congress http://www.loc.gov/	Documents, photographs, movies, and sound recordings that tell America's story. Many resources for educators.
NASA Search http://www.nasa.gov/search/	Enter "education" or the topic of choice. Lots of top-notch resources!
National Coalition for Bilingual Education http://www.ncbe.gwu.edu/	Success stories, articles and a searchable database.
Tales of Wonder http://darsie.ucdavis.edu/tales/	Archive of folk and fairy tales from around the world. Part of the Fairy Tales, Folk Tales and Mythology Ring (see links at bottom of page).
U.S. Department of Education, Publications http://www.ed.gov/pubs/	A wealth of information for teachers, administrators, policymakers, researchers, parents, students, and others with a stake in education.
Web 66 http://web66.coled.umn.edu/	The Web 66 project is designed to facilitate the introduction of this technology into K12 schools. Lots of good resources and ideas!
WWW Virtual Library, Applied Linguistics http://alt.venus.co.uk/VL/AppLingBBK/VirtualLibrary.html	Information on almost any topic imaginable.
• ESOL JOURNALS / EZINES / TEXTS	
Distance Education International Journal http://www.usq.edu.au/dec/decjourn/demain.htm	Articles of current interest in computer-based distance education.
EFLWeb Homepage http://www.u-net.com/eflweb/	An on-line magazine for those teaching and learning English as a Foreign Language.
Engines for Education http://movietone.ils.nwu.edu/~e_for_e/	Engines is a "hyper-book" written by Roger Schank, Director of ILS, and Chip Cleary, a graduate student of Dr. Schank's, about what's wrong with the education system, how to reform it, and especially, about the role of educational technology in that reform.
Internet TESL Journal http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj	A monthly journal dedicated to articles, research papers, lesson plans, classroom handouts, teaching ideas and links for ESOL.
Journals and Newsletters in TESL/TEFL, Linguistics, and Communication http://ilc2.doshisha.ac.jp/users/kkitao/online/www/journal.htm	An exhaustive, annotated online bibliography from the Kitaos.
Language, Learning & Technology http://polyglot.cal.msu.edu/llt/	A journal for second and foreign language educators.
On-CALL (formerly a print journal) http://www.cltr.uq.edu.au/oncall/	Articles on the use of educational technology, especially computers, in language teaching. Online starting in January, 1999.
Technology Source, Microsoft http://horizon.unc.edu/projects/TS/	Articles for K-12 and Higher Ed. teaching with technology.
Web Works http://www.wwnorton.com/webworks/	Introduction to the Web, types of multimedia, philosophical overview, and glossary. Nicely organized resources.
• MEDIA SITES THAT PROVIDE EDUCATOR MATERIALS	

CLARI News Service http://www.clari.net/ Also archived through Yahoo: http://dir.yahoo.com/Business_and_Economy/Companies/News_and_Media/News_Services/ClariNet/	All the news from major wire services, organized in newsgroup format.
CNN http://www.cnn.com/ CNN Video Vault http://cnn.com/video_vault/	News quizzes, video vault with clips from current events, audio recordings, on-air transcripts and much more!
NPR (National Public Radio) http://www.npr.org/	News, discussion forums and audio files.
PBS (Public Broadcasting System) http://www.pbs.org/	Teacher source, news features and history. Information for ordering tapes and transcripts.
Time Magazine http://www.time.com/	News, editorials, graphics
USA Today News Snapshots http://www.usatoday.com/snapshot/news/snapndex.htm	Graphs, photos and very short summaries of articles on pop culture and high-interest current events.
Voice of America http://www.voa.gov/voahome/	*The* source for global news in real audio format. Languages other than English are available.
• DICTIONARIES / GLOSSARIES	
Cobuild Dictionary http://titania.cobuild.collins.co.uk/index.html	An online reference which lets the learner look up individual words or get a concordance of a specific word.
List of Dictionaries (No frames version.) http://www-math.uni-paderborn.de/dictionaries/Dictionaries_noframes.html	Links to many online dictionaries.
MLA Guide http://www.cas.usf.edu/english/walker/mla.html	MLA bibliographic format information, including how to cite electronic publications.
Research-It! http://www.itools.com/research-it/research-it.html	Links to English dictionaries, translating dictionaries, thesaurus, money converter, and a wide range of other online resources.
Webster's Hypertext Interface Dictionary http://c.gp.cs.cmu.edu:5103/prog/webster	An online dictionary.

TIPS

Copy-Paste Shortcut: URLs (web addresses) can be both tricky and time-consuming to type. Whenever possible:

a) **highlight and copy** from one source (e.g. from email, CD-ROM, data file, floppy disk); then,
b) **paste** it into the Location Box of your web browser (Netscape, Internet Explorer, AOL, CompuServe, etc.) and press the **Return** key.

This saves you the time of precision-typing (and retyping) long URLs. This tip also works in reverse when you need to cite URLs in a handout, research paper, bibliography, etc.

SEARCH ENGINES AND STRATEGIES

- Learn how to use them. You know that great site you saw 2 months ago which has now disappeared off the edge of the cyberspace galaxy? Don't give up on it! Website addresses mutate, pop up and disappear endlessly. Knowing how to track down "lost" sites is a useful skill.

- Know what you want to look for. Searching aimlessly "to see what's there" seldom produces fruitful results and may be frustrating. Furthermore, a "gold mine" to others may be "garbage" to you. Identify keywords that are pertinent to your interests/needs, and systematically run them through one or more search engines (different engines often yield overlapping, but different results).

Independent search engines search a wide range of sites. Examples for educators include:

Search Engine	URL
Alta Vista	http://www.alta-vista.net/
Excite	http://www.excite.com/
Infoseek	http://www.infoseek.com/
Lycos	http://www.lycos.com/
Magellan	http://www.magellan.com/
Metacrawler	http://www.go2net.com/search.html
Tile.Net (for listservs and newsgroups)	http://www.tile.net/
Webcrawler	http://webcrawler.com/
Yahoo	http://www.yahoo.com/
Yahooligans (for Kids)	http://www.yahooligans.com/

- Cyber-Shortcut: if you want to locate a specific company, try plugging the name into this address template:
  http://www.________.com/
  (substitute the company's name or initials for the underline -- be careful not to leave any spaces -- and push the Return key).
  Example: http://www.disney.com/
  http://www.sony.com/
  Some web browsers, including Netscape, will also allow you to simply type the company's name in the Location Bar, and press the Return key. (e.g., disney or sony). Experiment with upper and lower case as URLs are case-sensitive.

- "This site is no longer..." Argh! Solution? Back to the Location Bar, of course. Try erasing the tail-end of the address to the nearest slash, and pressing the Return key.
  Example:
  "Not working": http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~leslieob/pizzazup.html
  Try: http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~leslieob/
  This will sometimes get you in through the back door, or at least get you an email address for someone you can ask about the missing or broken link.

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Listing by Machine and Skill Area

Macintosh Software

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All About Me!
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Creative Pursuits

All-in-One Language Fun!
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems

Beyond the Naked Eye
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: H+a Software

Bilingual Writing Center-Spanish/English
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The

Bite to Eat, A
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Chariot Software Group

Blockers and Finders II
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Sunburst Communications

BodyLand
Machine: Mac
Publisher: IVI Publishing

Brick by Brick
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning

Collaborative Writer
Machine: Mac
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders

Cruncher Bilingual, The
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure Purchase options:

CulturGrams
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Digital Libraries

Daily Living At Work: Culture & Customs
Machine: Mac
Publisher: MacEnglish Learning Systems

Ecodisc
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies

Entertainment: Sports and Leisure
Machine: Mac
Publisher: MacEnglish Learning Systems

Fluency Practice
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software

Forces and Motion
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies

Grammatik
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Novell
No longer sold as a separate product; now bundled into Word Perfect.

Green Files, The
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software

Guinness Disc of World Records
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Grolier Electronic Publishing

HyperLingua
Machine: Mac
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders

Interactive Alphabet
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software

Interactive Nova
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Scholastic Software

Kid Works 2 Bilingual
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure

Language Assistant Programs
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software

LLT Report Generator
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies

MacEnglish: Executive English
Machine: Mac
Publisher: DynEd International

MacEnglish: Inform
Machine: Mac
Publisher: DynEd International

MacEnglish: Pronunciation Plus
Machine: Mac
Publisher: DynEd International

Mayo Clinic Family Health Book
Machine: Mac
Publisher: IVI Publishing

Microsoft Art Gallery
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Microsoft

Multimedia Workshop Bilingual Machine
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure

Speech Animator
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Intellimation

Texpert
Machine: Mac
Publisher: RK-Idees

Wagon Train 1848
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The

WordStuff
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest

Writer's Helper
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents

Writing Journal, The
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Creative Pursuits

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A+ Advanced Learning System

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: American Education Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab, site, volume
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Healey
Description: This is a comprehensive program that combines extensive management tools with step-by-step instruction and practice in a variety of areas, including reading, writing, grammar, listening, science, and social studies. Additional third-party software can be added to the management system, which allows teachers to set sequences of recommended lessons and track learner progress. Without the management system, moving from one unit to another is quite awkward. The screens are very basic and somewhat repetitive; students accustomed to a multimedia presentation in interactive programs may be disappointed. Programs cost $150 per title, with 68 titles available. A demo of this program is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM. (Healey)

CD-ROM Theme Connections 1, 2, 3

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: 1-6
Special use: Literacy
Description: This 18-disk CD-ROM program supports the Prentice Hall Regents ESL program for Grades 1-6. Each of the disks links directly to and is fully integrated with a Student Theme Book and provides a variety of interactive activities (using animation, sound, and graphics). Activities include Screen Play: manipulating objects on the screen; Match Game: matching words and phrases; Story Reader: listening and reading; Story Maker: manipulating visuals and text to create a story; Draw and Share: drawing and coloring pictures; Puzzle: jumbled ideas and sentences; Story Completer: choosing words or pictures to complete a passage; Text Analyzer: highlighting portions of text on screen; Comic-Strip Maker: writing and recording dialogue and creating captions to make a story; and Writing: a word-processor with pre-writing. Call publisher for pricing.

Classworks

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $10000 Purchase options: network only
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: A comprehensive, network-based management program that includes a range of software by grade level. Not designed specifically for ESL. Pricing depends on the number of stations on the network and extent of the software purchased. Basic packages start around $10,000.

Critical Mass

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-9
Special use: Science
Info from: Publisher
Description: Designed for native speakers, this includes video clips, text, and graphics about 'America's Race to Build the Atomic Bomb.' CD-ROM

English Express Deluxe

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure

See also NAS Educational Software Purchase options: Five-user min. Call for pricing.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: Grade 5-Adult
Info from: CJ 4:2; STDOT; Bishop; ESL Linc
Description: This vocabulary-centered language teaching system offers students opportunities for listening, speaking, reading and writing English. Offers extensive practice in a variety of modes. Requires a CD-ROM drive, videodisc with barcode reader, computer with hard drive, and either the Macintosh's built-in speech capability or a sound card. It comes with extensive teacher's guides, including a videotape showing how to apply the material, lesson plans, and complete scripts of what is on the videodiscs. Installation is part of the package when a network version is purchased. Price ranges from $5,000 - $11,000 depending upon the system configuration and the number of users.

Hablemos Inglés

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-3
Special use: Bilingual
Description: A CD-ROM-based course designed for native speakers of Spanish that includes video and audio recordings, exercises, games, and a 350-page textbook to help learners improve listening comprehension, grammar, and writing skills. Like in its English-based counterpart, Learn to Speak English, each lesson begins with a setting and a dialog. The settings follow a visitor to the U.S. through customs, getting a hotel, exchanging money, to furnishing an apartment and shopping for food. The students can expand their study of the language presented in the settings and dialogs through the use of cultural notes, vocabulary study (hear the word, definitions, notes about usage), grammar notes, exercises (fill in the blank, sentence writing, scrambled sentences, listening dictation), pronunciation work (listen to the model pronunciation, record voice and play back), and a test of both grammatical and functional language knowledge.
The Windows version uses speech-recognition technology to evaluate pronunciation on a scale of 'Tourist' to 'Native.' QuickTime movies show cultural points of interest in the US. System 7 or higher is required on the Macintosh version.

Heartsoft Bestseller

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $400 Purchase options: $400 lifetime site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-8
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Website
Description: A set of 12 Heartsoft products, including Billiards 'n' Homonyms (vocabulary game), Bubblegum Machine (sight work with key words), Coin Changer (practice recognizing the value of coins and bills), Electric Math Chalkboard (uncover a picture by answering math questions correctly), Electric Coloring Book (keeps students within the lines), Great American States Race (social studies game about the US), Memory Master (concentration with letters and numbers), Reading Rodeo (literacy game), Sleuth Master (a mastermind game - guess the hidden 4-number code), Spinner's Choice (a version of Wheel of Fortune - guessing words or phrases in categories), Tommy the Time Turtle (practice in telling time), and Word Capture (wordsearch puzzles). The ESL version includes copies of each program in Spanish. Network/site license for $400 lets schools add copies as their needs grow.

Interchange CD-ROM 1

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: UK£40

Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Website
Description: Companion to the Interchange series, this CD-ROM offers multimedia exercises. The website at http://www.cup.cam.ac.uk/elt/interchange/ has more activities online.

Jostens English Language Development (ELD)

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-8
Info from: Paxton
Description: The ELD program consists of eight units, titled: 1) World of Numbers; 2) School Days; 3); Home, Sweet Home; 4) My Family; 5) Me, Myself, and I; 6)What Will I Wear?; 7) Animal Antics; 8) Changing Times.

Each of the eight units includes a community exploration, conversation and lesson activity, and a tool-based project. These components provide the beginning student with an opportunity to see and hear conversations and complete activities all in the context of real situations. Each unit comes with black line masters and other materials and ideas. The units themselves are NOT meant to stand alone, i.e. be used without the other materials and off-computer learning.

There are four integrated program components included with the product: Story Time, Word Time, Time for Rhymes and Storybook Maker. A detailed Picture Dictionary based on the eight thematic units is included. The CD-ROM version of the Golden Book Encyclopedia is an optional online feature. A complete collection of classroom materials to support language development instruction such as big books, activity sheets, performance assessment ideas and observation sheets is available at an additional cost.

Learn to Speak English

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also HyperGlot, Athelstan, Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Levy, Healey; ESL Linc, Chantril's
Description: A complete CD-ROM-based course that includes video and audio recordings, exercises, games, and a 350-page textbook to help learners improve listening comprehension, grammar, and writing skills. Each lesson begins with a setting and a dialog. The settings follow a visitor to the U.S. through customs, getting a hotel, exchanging money, to furnishing an apartment and shopping for food. The students can expand their study of the language presented in the settings and dialogs through the use of cultural notes, vocabulary study (hear the word, definitions, notes about usage), grammar notes, exercises (fill in the blank, sentence writing, scrambled sentences, listening dictation), pronunciation work (listen to the model pronunciation, record voice and play back), and a test of both grammatical and functional language knowledge. The Windows version uses speech-recognition technology to evaluate pronunciation on a scale of 'Tourist' to 'Native.' QuickTime movies show cultural points of interest in the US. System 7 or higher is required on the Macintosh version.

Learning English: Home & Family

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-12, Adult
Special use: Elementary
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: A comprehensive ESL program designed for students in grades 4-12 using a theme-based multimedia approach. Each unit introduces vocabulary and tests student comprehension of theme-related information. Students listen to and read conversations between characters, write and

practice speaking their own related conversations and complete a variety of other instructional activities including computer-based TPR and task completions. If using an IBM or compatible, this program runs under Windows.

Learning English: Neighborhood Life
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: A comprehensive ESL program designed for students in grades 4-12 using a theme-based multimedia approach. Each unit introduces vocabulary and tests student comprehension of theme-related information. Students listen to and read conversations between characters, write and practice speaking their own related conversations and complete a variety of other instructional activities including computer-based TPR and task completions. Themes covered include: shopping, entertainment, banking, asking for directions, and using the library among others.

Learning English: Primary
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-3
Special use: elementary
Description: A series of six programs following a theme-based, integrated approach to ESL. Each program consists of three components--Story Reader, Story Thinker (comprehension questions and activities) and Word Time. The six programs in the series are: Me, Myself and I (new friends and parts of the body); Animal Antics (the world of animals); The Time Shop (seasons and time concepts); World of Numbers (grouping, counting and comparing sets of objects); School Days (people, places, activities and objects found in school); and Home, Sweet Home (things in and around the home). Requires CD-ROM drive. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows.

Let's Go Interactive
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: DynEd International See also Oxford University Press
Approximate single-unit price: $600 Purchase options: 1 level for $130; site and lab
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K -4
Special use: Elementary; bilingual (Sp, Port., Jap.); literacy
Info from: Bishop
Description: A six-level, 12 CD-ROM series designed for children ages 4-10 (pre-readers and early readers), adapted from the American English textbook series by Oxford University Press. Animated cats provide guidance throughout. Each lesson builds on the previous ones. Each level contains 8 units with conversation, vocabulary, grammar, and phonics lessons plus songs and a game, following a grammatical syllabus. A teacher's book, other classroom aids, and some bilingual versions are also available. 1 level for $129; networkable.

MacESL
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Hacienda La Puente Adult Education See also Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $275 Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 9-12, Adult
Info from: Wachman; CJ 6:2 1995
Description: Designed 'to increase the listening, speaking and reading skills of limited English proficient...adult learners who possess some English language skills, but are not proficient at conversational English.' (from the User's Manual, p. 1) Major pluses include: subjects of interest

to adults; high quality, natural-sounding speech; excellent animated graphics which help make stories clear; usefulness and variety of activities; ease of operation.
The program consists of an introduction and 9 situationally-based lessons: 3 each on housing, health care, and employment. Each lesson has eight activities: 1) listening to an animated narration of a story; 2) text which underlines itself sentence-by-sentence as it is narrated; 3) aural/text vocabulary match; 4) pronunciation--works like a Language Master: students record their own approximation of a number of vocabulary, and listen repeatedly to the program vs. their own voice; 5) multiple choice comprehension check; 6) picture/story match; 7) cloze, using list of vocabulary; 8) puzzle--a crossword or word scramble.
Requires at least a Macintosh Plus with hard drive; pronunciation activities require a microphone--either Mac Recorder or built-in variety; HyperCard 2.0 or higher.
Colorized and Quick Time versions available.

Making Connections 1

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12
Special use: science/technology
Info from: Statan
Description: Companion software for the Making Connections textbook series. This series of three CD-ROMs (levels 1, 2, and 3) incorporates listening, note taking, chart building, and lateral thinking skills in high school contexts. Topics are drawn from science, social studies, literature, and math. The programs have recently been adopted by the State of California.

MayaQuest

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: grade 4-9
Description: Includes an on-line component designed to encourage students to explore the ancient Mayan ruins. On CD-ROM or on disks.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

New Dynamic English

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $1500 Purchase options: $500 per level; networkable
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-8
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap, It, Kor, Chi, Fr, Port)
Description: Four-level listening-based course, each level with two CD-ROMs. Includes speech recognition for answers. Primary focus is on basic language concepts. In each lesson, information is presented in the form of narratives via sound and graphics with text, glossary, speech record, and repetition always available to the student. Follow-up exercises include Questions generated by the student by clicking on icons or words from the lesson; Matrix Game in which the student accrues points for correctly answering questions using vocabulary presented in the lesson; Dictation exercises requiring the student to listen carefully to a series of sentences from the lesson and select words from a list and place them in the gaps in the sentences; Fill-in exercises where missing words are placed in sentences from the lesson. Grammatical and lexical knowledge is reinforced in all games and exercises along with listening comprehension. The program adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions to the student's demonstrated level of proficiency.
Suitable to be used as primary course material, supplemental resource, or self-access material in a language lab (index of lessons lends itself well to self-paced instruction). Networkable. $1495 for the whole set, $495 per level.

Q Kids

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $1000 Purchase options: Components also sold separately.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: CD-ROMs, readers, audio and video cassettes are part of this comprehensive program for young learners of English. A variety of activities. QKids Kit includes QSteps Kit ($470) and QSurf Kit ($600). QSteps 1 and 2 CD-ROM can be purchased separately from the videos, audio cassettes, teacher's manual, and other Kit components for $140. QSuft 1 and 2 CD-ROM can be purchased separately for $140. Lab, network, and site options are also available.

STEPS English Language Development

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Intermediate For: Grade 4-up
Info from: Paxton
Description: The Steps program is for students who are linguistically more advanced than those who use the Jostens English Language Development program (ELD). It was developed in conjunction with Dade County Schools and the state of Florida. Each unit comes with black line masters and other materials and ideas. The units themselves are NOT meant to stand alone; i.e., they should be used without the other materials and off-computer learning.
The Steps Intermediate program has the following units: 1) Who am I?; 2) Home and Family; 3) Healthy Living; 4) Food Time; 5) At Play; 6) At the Mall; 7) Community.
The Steps Advanced program includes: 1) Communications; 2) The U.S.; 3) You and Your Environment; 4) Technology: New and Improved; 5) Careers and Contributions.

Stickybear's Early Learning Activities

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Optimum Resource
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: $100 school version
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K-6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Introduces young children to the English alphabet, counting, shapes, opposites and colors. Instructions for the six different activity options for each lesson objective can be in either English or Spanish. The lessons can be done either following computer prompts or in a more independent exploration mode. Available on disk or CD-ROM.

Story Club

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure Purchase options: Part of Davidson Literacy Program
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: elementary
Info from: Healey
Description: This is an extensive program that uses multi-cultural folktales as the basis for a whole language approach. The target audience is K-6, but older children and adults can also enjoy the stories. The CD-ROM has digitized speech and graphics that enhance the computer-based activities designed for classroom use and individualized study. Students can read as they listen to the folktales, work on vocabulary, and do writing tasks (with graphics from the story that they can color in, if they so desire). In addition, it has teacher-led activities using barcode-controlled videodiscs. Extensive teacher's manuals are provided. Installation is included with some network purchases. Price is approximately $6,000 - $12,000 depending upon the system configuration and the number of users.

TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: TESOL
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Any
Description: A collection of freeware, shareware, and publisher demos for ESL. Many small programs on a variety of topics, for a range of levels and skill areas. Individual programs are copiable. CD-ROM.

WiggleWorks
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Scholastic Software
Approximate single-unit price: $1750 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning For: K-2
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: Gray, A. Bishop
Description: Children learn reading, writing, speaking and listening skills with this set of materials, including books, other print material, and CD-ROMs. Titles include Pizza, Kites, Raindrops, What Lila Loves, The Ball Game, The Tree House, What's Inside, and several others.

DISCUSSION

Amazon Trail II

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The   See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $50   Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-4
Description: Amazon Trail is a simulation of a trip up the Amazon River (and through time). The goal is to search for a medicinal plant that can save the ancient Incas from malaria. As students travel up the Amazon River they explore the rain forest, visit historical people and landmarks, trade with the people of the region, navigate and fish for food. The program comes with teacher's manuals and student worksheets that facilitate cooperative learning-based lessons and communicative language development. CD-ROM version. The earlier version is on disk and is slightly less expensive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

Amnesty Interactive

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Amnesty International   See also Educorp
Approximate single-unit price: $15   Purchase options: £15 in EU
Level: Advanced   For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey; ESL Linc
Description: This interactive CD-ROM from Amnesty International presents information about the struggle for human rights throughout history. Information is organized by geographical location, time in history, and famous people. Both human rights abuses and human rights successes are shown. The material is sometimes presented relatively rapidly, requiring learners to listen or read a second time.

Community Exploration

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning   See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $20
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Learners interact with people in different settings in the virtual community of Cornerstone. They can take trips to the airport, supermarket, library, museum, bank, bus station, and other common locations around town. They will need tasks set by a teacher, however, for language learning benefit.

Cross Country Canada/USA

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Ingenuity Works
Approximate single-unit price: $40   Purchase options: site, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Using a realistic, yet fun visual format this geography simulation lets students take on the role of a long distance truck driver. Students make decisions about finding and delivering in a timely fashion up to 52 different commodities to 180 cities. Students need to read maps, calculate distances, estimate expenses, and plan cost-effective routes from coast to coast. The program and accompanying teacher's manual offer many possibilities for ESL/EFL communicative language practice through cooperative learning tasks. Also available: Cross Country California and Cross Country Texas. On disk and Mac/Windows CD-ROM. Demo version is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

Decisions, Decisions Series
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey
Description: Students work in groups to use the software and text materials to make decisions. Students check the printed materials for additional background information. As a group they prioritize their goals, receive multiple perspectives on the issues from their 'advisors' in the computer, discuss their options and input their course of action to the computer. The computer presents the consequences and the 'advisors' reappear to offer the students help in dealing with them prior to another round of decisions, actions and consequences. These programs work well in a one-computer classroom. The following are ones most likely to be of interest to ESL/EFL students.
Immigration: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number of dilemmas related to immigration policy in the U.S.
Prejudice: Students take the role of a mayor up for re-election in a town with a racism problem. Their 'advisors' in the computer are an historian, a campaign manager, a lawyer and an activist.
The Environment: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number a dilemmas related to environmental damage in a small town.
Urbanization: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number of dilemma related to the costs and benefits of urbanization for a small town.
Violence in the Media: Students take the role of an advertising executive for a company sponsoring a controversial television program about life in a gang-infested urban neighborhood.
Titles are $150 each, with lab, network, and site licensing available. The program is on CD-ROM or disk.

Destination Mars!
Machine: Win, Mac, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Advanced For: Grade 7-12
Special use: science
Info from: Milton
Description: A space adventure activity; on disk or CD-ROM.

Eliza
Machine: Mac
Publisher: CELIA
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey; STDOT
Description: This is a version of the classic psychotherapy program. Tell Eliza your problems (by typing), and Eliza will respond with further questions. This works best with students in groups who have had an introduction to what to do by a teacher. The program works by scanning what students type for key words or by mechanical transformation of the student's input into further questions. Advanced students can try to cause Eliza to respond ungrammatically if they recognize how the program is creating its responses.

Escape from Planet Arizona
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: EF Multimedia See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-5
Info from: CJ 7:3 (1997); Chorus, DigiEnglish

Description: This CD-ROM uses QuickTime VR, digitized video clips, and animation to create a virtual reality setting. Learners take the role of an alien whose spaceship has crashed in the Arizona desert. They must converse with the people in a small town nearby in order to find the seven objects needed to repair the ship. The questions that learners ask are pre-scripted and chosen from a menu; language development comes from the responses of the townspeople. Since what the townspeople say is quite natural and colloquial, a transcript (with an optional translation into French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, or Swedish) and an online glossary are provided. One of the strongest elements of the program is that learners have to do tasks with the information to get to the next step, which means that learners have to thoroughly comprehend what the townspeople have said. A demo can be downloaded at http://www.ef.com/mm/products/planet.html; reviews are available online at http://www.chorus.cycor.ca/Duber/escape.html and in print form in CÆLL Journal 7:3 (1997).

Factory, The

Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Approximate single-unit price: $90 Purchase options: $90 for lab pack of 5
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 4-8 grade
Special use: bilingual
Description: Simulated machine assembly line. Also available in Spanish as La Fabrica, but only in Mac format. English version available for Mac, DOS and Windows. Available on disk or CD-ROM for Mac or Windows.

Gus Goes to Cybertown

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Modern Media Ventures See also EduCorp
Approximate single-unit price: $20
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: literacy
Info from: Pacheco
Description: This can be used to identify food items and build up vocabulary on food and drinks, identify animals, practice clothing items, and do other beginning-level vocabulary tasks. We use lessons prepared according to what we are teaching to our students. (MPacheco)

Hollywood High

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Theatrix Interactive See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site, lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 7-adult
Info from: Healey
Description: Like its predecessor Hollywood, Hollywood High has students write and direct an animated show with talking characters. The settings and characters are high school-oriented, so this is more attractive to teens but less useful for adults than Hollywood. Students select the scene and characters, place and move the actors, write the dialogue, and choose the special effects. Because it uses synthesized rather than digitized voices, they can be odd. It's possible to tweak the spelling to improve the pronunciation, but the point of this is the dialogue among the learners creating the show, not the end result itself. This is not recommended as a listening skill builder, but it's a great tool for discussion at the computer. Requires a CD-ROM drive. (DH)

Martin Luther King Videodisc

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Glencoe McGraw-Hill
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Healey; STDOT

Description: This offers historical footage from ABC News as well as still photos and text about the life of Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement. Clips of young adults talking about the effect of the Movement on their lives today are also included. The program consists of a double-sided videodisc controlled by a HyperCard stack. There are extensive options for viewing, including with accompanying text, in Spanish or English, or in clips to copy to a videotape. Because the options are numerous, students will probably need an introduction to the program by a teacher. For best language learning results, the teacher should give students information gathering or information transfer tasks to perform.

The strength of the program is in the large quantity of information provided in a hypertext format that allows movement among ideas.

Mystery Mazes

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, networking
Level: Intermediate For: K-12, Adult
Description: Detective adventure that students use reasoning and note-taking skills to solve. CD-ROM or floppy disk-based.

Oregon Trail II

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: Students make decisions following a simulated trip along the Oregon Trail. They can choose the month and year to start, with different hazards accordingly. The program has excellent graphics and a lot of information is presented on screen in the course of the simulation. Includes digitized speech. This lends itself to use in cooperative learning plans where each student in a team has responsibility for monitoring different information. There are a lot of resources about this period such as pioneer journals that can be used effectively in conjunction with this program. Having the students keep a journal of their simulated trip also works well as an extension activity. On CD-ROM. The earlier version, Oregon Trail, is still available in disk or CD-ROM version and is slightly less expensive.

SimCity Classic

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Maxis Software See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: Deluxe version, network version avail.
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: CD (5:6/1989); Taylor; Jones; Langford
Description: In this city simulation, learners plan and manage a city through periods of growth, recession, and various natural disasters. Getting started takes a fair bit of time and teacher work to prepare students, even at advanced levels. Once learners know the basics, however, the activity is very engaging. This works best as a group activity since many different areas need simultaneous attention to avoid the city's financial collapse and/or physical destruction.
Other variations include SimEarth, SimAnt, SimCity 2000, SimTown, and SimTower. SimTown is described below.
A demo version is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

SimTown

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Maxis Software See also EduCorp
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Info from: Egbert
Description: A CD-ROM based simulation where students build and manage a small town. The program features animated graphics showing people in houses, buildings and around town. Students can even design the citizens of the town--the kinds of clothes they wear, where they eat, where they go each day etc. As the town grows it uses up water and produces garbage so teams of students need to negotiate how they will keep their town growing and healthy.

Storybook Maker/Deluxe

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab $135
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-4
Special use: Elementary; literacy
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Learners use the included picture cards to create a story that they can then tell to their classmates. Learners click on and drag the images they want to the desired location on the page. Students can also type in words. The Deluxe version reads words letter by letter, word by word, or by sentence and supports QuickTime movies. This graphical program will require a task set by the teacher for students to have much language learning benefit from using it. Runs on a CD-ROM under Windows or on the Mac.

US Map Game

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Computers for Education
See also TESOL/CELIA, CELIA, CALL-IS Mac Library
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Description: In this HyperCard stack from Elizabeth Hanson-Smith, students attempt to identify states and/or capitals on a US map. Students can also jump to a reference section. High scorers are recorded in a permanent Hall of Fame.

Where in the World /USA/ Europe/America's Past/Time is Carmen Sandiego?

Machine: Mac/Win, DOS
Publisher: Broderbund See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: STDOT, Towne, Beller-Kenner
Description: Detective mystery/ adventure. Students need to use travel and geographic clues to solve the mystery.
From Gary Towne:
I first used an older version of Carmen on a HD-less AT. I highly recommend having an atlas and an international almanac that includes color pictures of the flags of the world on just a few pages to facilitate easy scanning. If your class has a variety of ethnicities represented, the class-room corporate knowledge of the world should be fairly diverse, but there are often some real stumpers in Carmen that maybe no one would know. I asked for volunteers to take turns on the keyboard, to handle the atlas and almanac, as well as to record the clues and progress on the board for all to see. This makes the progress more logical. Also, I had the students take turns reading the text on the screen. They loved it. Some of us ended up staying after school to try to catch Carmen, because too much class time would be used to finish the whole game. This is where having a computer lab of some sort would be useful. Enjoy!

Who is Oscar Lake?

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Language Publications Interactive See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60

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Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: bilingual versions (Sp, Fr, Ger, It)
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM interactive mystery. Versions are available in a variety of languages, so students could try it in their language first, then again in English.

GRAMMAR

Azar Interactive
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: DigiEnglish
Description: Over fifty grammar topics, with exercises, grammar charts, readings with grammar in context, audio clips, and video clips based on the well-known text. The grammar charts tend to be hard to read, due to the point size chosen. The exercises on this CD-ROM supplement the text.

CALL for English Library Disks
Machine: Win, Mac, DOS
Publisher: Wida See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: TOEFL
Description: Eurocentres teachers have used Wida's authoring programs and created ready-to-go library disks for almost all levels, elementary to advanced, concentrating on vocabulary, grammar practice, etc., but also exam practice including TOEFL. There are 35 disks in all. 27 of the titles are available in Macintosh format (contact the publisher for details). Windows version due out in February 1999; that will be called the Eurocentres CALL Library for English. These packages are now sold by Wida.

Diagnostic Prescriptive Grammar
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Opp-Beckman
Description: The native-speaker program practices parts of speech. Diagnostic tests determine a student's understanding of grammar and direct him/her to the appropriate lesson to improve performance. Each lesson focuses on a particular grammar skill, is self correcting, and allows students to advance without teacher intervention. I couldn't get the program to run on my 8600 Mac running OS8, but the publisher may have corrected the problem by now. (LOB)

English Easy--Grammar
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab pack $300 for 10
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-12, Adult
Description: Versions I for beginners and Version II for intermediate students.

English Easy: Conversations
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood Multimedia Corp.
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack $235 for 10
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 3-12, Adult
Info from: Jabaji
Description: English Easy series are designed specifically for students learning to speak English. Students can focus on the oral/aural aspect of the language, brush up on their grammar knowledge or hone their conversational skill and, at the same time, learn more about North American culture. Tutorial sessions are available to help Chinese and Japanese students navigate through the program.

Interactive dialogues depicting common North American scenarios illustrate applications of pronunciations and grammar. Relevant vocabulary is introduced for each subject matter so that students can associate them readily. Skill-testing questions are designed to give students added practice in listening and reacting to normal speech.
Good sound quality and graphics. (RJ)

English Grammar Computerized I and II
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Wachman
Description: A pair of programs designed for review of and practice in applying grammar rules. The core of both modules consists of drill-type grammar exercises. Users choose topics (e.g., present progressive) and lessons (e.g., spelling 'ing' forms, negatives, etc.) via menus. The program gives immediate feedback after each answer, including symbolic notation indicating types of errors and reminders of rules. After three incorrect attempts, the program gives the correct answer. Points are awarded based on the number of tries before the correct answer is given. At any time, menus may be used to access program instructions and extensive reviews of rules with examples. Program I includes topics such as the verb 'to be,' present, simple past, and future tenses, modals, pronouns, and comparatives. Program II includes present perfect, periphrastic modals, passives, and conditionals. Students who like to drill themselves enjoy working individually or in pairs in a laboratory setting. Teachers can assign review and practice based on individual need.

ESL Bilingual Demons
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Description: Multiple-choice program helps students cope with troublesome points of English grammar, usage, and spelling. Similar to ESL Demons, but with instructions and explanations in Spanish. Networkable.

ESL Demons
Machine: DOS, Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab, network, site; 3 sets for $130
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: Multiple-choice program helps students cope with troublesome points of English grammar, usage and spelling. Networkable.

ESL Renegades
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $125 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Website
Description: Exercises target grammar, usage , and spelling errors. The bundle includes Levels A, B and C. Correct answers lead to the capture of a renegade character. Designed for ESL.

ESL TOEFL Prep

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Description: More than 500 multiple-choice questions intended to prepare intermediate and advanced ESL students for the written TOEFL.

Focus on Grammar series

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Exceller Software See also Addison Wesley, Longman, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab (5): $300, (10) $500; network: $750
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Sellers
Description: A CD-ROM produced in 1996 as a companion work to Focus on Grammar: An Intermediate Course for Reference and Practice by Marjorie Fuchs and Miriam Westheimer with Margaret Bonner, Longman, 1994. Basic, intermediate, high intermediate, and advanced levels are now available. Each level is $100 for a single user, a lab pack (5) for $299, (10) $499; and network license for $750.
Fully capable of standing alone, this CD-ROM has quite a range of activities for explaining, practicing, and testing all the grammar points covered in the textbook. While the explanations, charts, appendices are the same as in the textbook, I believe all the many, many interactive exercises are different. As a bonus, there are also some reading comprehension passages with questions and some writing prompts, both featuring the grammar structure(s) under study.
I'd recommend this CD for all levels of proficiency except very beginning. It starts with simple present and present continuous and winds its way 'upwards.' It doesn't cover such advanced topics as conditionals or odd-ball tenses like future perfect, but it does a very nice job of presenting and practicing grammar topics generally regarded as being of lower to intermediate difficulty. There's some good material on gerunds, infinitives and verbs with prepositions which have affinities for one or the other. One feature allows students to keep a record of their success on the various exercises, and the built-in word processor makes it easy for students to respond to the writing prompts and to print out their compositions for teachers or peers to read. There's a built-in User's Manual too. As of this writing (January 1997) I haven't used the CD with students yet and I haven't worked with it extensively on a trial basis, so there may be pitfalls and glitches of which I'm not aware. However, I am very much looking forward to turning my lower intermediate grammar students loose on it. (A. Sellers)

Grammar 3D: Contextualized Practice for Learners of English

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: Grammar exercises prepared for ESL students ranging from high beginning to advanced. Features student control of exercise sequence and record-keeping. Can be used in conjunction with any grammar text. CD-ROM.

Grammar Demons

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site; 3 sets for $130
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc

Description: This native speaker program offers drill and practice with troublesome points of grammar. Each sentence contains up to four underlined choices, one of which contains a common error in usage, diction, grammatical relationship, or punctuation. In response to a wrong answer, the program shows the corrected sentence and explains why it is right. A demo can be downloaded from the website.

Grammar Rom

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: Intermediate-level grammar exercises for British English with video, sound, voice-recording, and cartoon graphics on CD-ROM. Includes section tests to monitor progress and on-screen audio help in English, Spanish, French, German or Italian.

Heinle & Heinle TOEFL Test Preparation Software

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Healey; ESL Linc
Description: Features digitized audio input for practice of the listening section; integrated reference areas for listening, grammar and reading with direct links to related test questions; and the option of studying in either self-paced or timed mode. Includes practice of specific question types and complete simulated tests. Itemized test scores can be printed out to monitor progress. This program reflects changes in the TOEFL as of July 1995. Runs under Windows and on the Macintosh.

Inside the SAT/ACT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $25
Level: Advanced For: 9-12
Description: Practice with SAT and ACT tests, designed for native speakers; text is by the Princeton Review. CD-ROM.

Kaplan SAT, PSAT, ACT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Kaplan
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-8
Description: Preparation for SAT, PSAT, and ACT tests. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Mindstorm TOEIC

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Mindstorm
Approximate single-unit price: $75
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Info from: Chorus, ESL Linc
Description: This CD-ROM prepares students for the TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication), a test with a focus on English for Business. The CD contains not only practice with the multiple-choice test but also test-taking hints, listening practice with famous speeches, and a multimedia game called Maze where learners have to answer grammar and vocabulary questions to escape. Help sections are in Japanese. Reviewer Brian Rhodes (http://www.chorus.cycor.ca/Duber/toeic.html) comments that the program suffers from poor

audio and a lack of feedback on individual test items, but that the practice should be useful for those interested in the TOEIC.

One Step at a Time

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, HE
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: This program was designed to accompany the writing and grammar series of the same name. Interactive computer tutorials accompany each chapter of the text. With this program students can access a word processor to write assignments collaboratively or independently. Lesson activities are also designed to be done in pairs collaboratively. Computer-based tests for each level use randomly generated questions in a multiple-choice format. A feedback screen on test performance can be printed out or saved for record-keeping purposes. Sample software is free from the publisher. Level 1 and Level 2 sold separately.

Perfect Copy English

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Logicus
Approximate single-unit price: $200 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Jabaji; ESL Linc
Description: This self-paced program contains 500 stories and letters to edit at three reading levels and three interest levels (youth, teen, adult). Students have access to help in the form of a word list, context-sensitive grammar rules, and clues such as highlighting sentences and words with errors and modeling a correct version of the article. A record-keeping function tracks student progress in working through the skill areas the program addresses: abbreviations, punctuation, subject-verb agreement, irregular verbs, numbers, pronouns, easily confused words, and general editing.

Play Ball

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: TOEFL
Description: This is a TOEFL grammar drill with a baseball overlay. Learners can choose the 'Minor Leagues' (beginning to intermediate) or the 'Major Leagues' (intermediate to advanced) to start, working their way through different degrees of difficulty within each 'league.' The questions are multiple choice or choose-the-incorrect-answer. Three mistakes means that the student has struck out and must start back with no points/runs. The learner can choose to resume where s/he struck out or go back and repeat some of the previous material.
Students may need some help knowing what to click on to get started, but should be able to work through the program on their own after that. Teachers should encourage students to look at the explanations for the answers, both correct and incorrect.

TOEFL Mentor

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Encomium Publications See also Wida, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Beller-Kenner, Sachs

Description: TOEFL Mentor is a HyperCard-like program that runs off a CD-ROM and includes tutorials, practice tests and timed tests for all sections of the TOEFL test: Structure and Grammar, Listening Comprehension, and Reading Comprehension. In addition, test taking strategies and tips are available for both the TOEFL and the Test of Written English. We've had positive response from students and faculty who have used it, and have had some success in using it in a workshop environment where more traditional materials (books and tapes) are also available for students to use. (Sachs) Encomium will update TOEFL Mentor to reflect future changes in the content/format of the TOEFL test by ETS. Demos are available for downloading from the Encomium Publications web page at http://www.encomium.com. See Tom Robb's review of the program at http://www.kyoto-su.ac.jp/people/teacher/trobb/mentor/mr2.html

Tutor Tapes Grammar Series

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: TutorTapes Purchase options: see pub. for individual title prices
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren, Seaver
Description: TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes. A catalog is available from the publisher.

Verb Professor

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Hyperbole Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Publisher
Description: Study 120 common irregular verbs in present, past, and past participle forms. Verb Professor has both study and review modes, prints custom reports of verbs to review, and combines five activities (including a listening exercise) for practice.

Writer's Choice Interactive Grammar Workbook

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Glencoe McGraw-Hill
Approximate single-unit price: $250 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 6-12
Description: The program offers drills, learning hints, examples, automatic grading, performance graphs and summary reports. $250 per level, from grade 6-12. Can be installed on a network.

LISTENING

All Clear! Idioms in Context

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto; CJ 4:4 1993/94, Beller-Kenner
Description: A HyperCard program (4 disks worth) which supplements an idioms book by the same name. The program contains spoken versions of the dialogs in the book with a variety of discrete listening and vocabulary exercises accompanying each. The program is easy to use and generates a lot of enthusiasm for a sometimes neglected area of oral skills. A color version now exists. A sample disk is available from the publisher.

Anatomy & Physiology

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery
Approximate single-unit price: $600
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: grade 9-12
Special use: science
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMAX.

Art Lesson, The

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab packs from $190-2100
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-4
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Students explore and experience a story based on the original work of author Tomie dePaola. They can read the story, hear it read to them by the author, and explore the text and living illustrations. Integrated art activities let students create with the author. Also includes video clips as they explore Tomie dePaola's studio, hear him tell about his childhood experiences, and learn about his life as an author and illustrator. Requires CD-ROM drive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-6 and family literacy settings.

Basic Skills for the Real World

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Wasatch Education Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $300 Purchase options: network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Adult
Special use: literacy

Description: Designed for adults who need reading and writing skills; uses extensive audio. Eight units, sold separately. Each unit includes a management component. The units are Duc and Linh (lifeskills math and numeracy, inferences, map reading); New Challenges (signs, maps, compare products, make appointments, make inferences); Grace Under Pressure (career search, basic home repairs, interpret charts and graphs, auto purchasing and insurance); Amazing Grace (test-taking strategies, time management, price comparison, budgeting, writing ads and letters); Joe Moves Up (job attitudes, phone skills, using a catalog, customer service, cooking); KC Makes Choices (emergency first aid, drugs and alcohol, gangs, getting a job, dealing with learning disabilities, reading comprehension); Linda's New Start (job handbook, customer service, comparison shopping, using a timecard); and Day by Day (computing mileage, reading a map, comparison shopping, making a budget, time management, fact vs. opinion).

Better US Map 2.3b
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Spivey, Terry
Approximate single-unit price: $4
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-12
Special use: geography
Info from: S. Addis
Description: Students can click on any state to hear its name pronounced in a real, not MacInTalk, voice!) and see the name on the screen. Once they are ready, they have a choice of three quizzes. One tests them on the names of the regions - which are not taught in this program! In another they hear and see the question 'Find [state name]' If they click on the correct state they can click on a pair of dice to move on to the next question. In the other quiz, they see the state and its capital together with the names of the neighboring states, and they are asked to click on the appropriate information. Shareware.
Requirements: HyperCard or HyperCard Player. Headphones useful, to stop the teacher from going crazy ;-) (Addis)

Bio Sci II
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Nystrom Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $500
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Bio Sci II Elementary
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $380
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-6 (3-6)
Special use: Science, bilingual, elementary
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Cell Biology
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Cell ebration
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Science for Kids See also Educational Software Institute
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Science, elementary
Description: A thematic science curriculum on the Cell for K-6 classrooms in English and Spanish. Requires a CD-ROM drive. Students play the computer-based game "What's alive?," learn about magnification (The program comes with a microscope and pre-stained slides.), learn about cells from the scientists who first developed microscopes and discovered cells (Anton can Leeuwenhoek and Robert Hooke), and design "new" cells based on what they've learned in the lessons.

Chemistry at Work
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $500
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Children's Classics
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Fr, Ger)
Description: Interactive fairy tales on CD-ROM. Learners can just listen and read, or they can read and record/replay their own voices. Includes a glossary and sequencing, concentration, and multiple choice exercises. Volume 1 has Jack in the Beanstalk, Pinocchio, and Peter Pan. Volume 2 has John Henry, Paul Bunyan, and Pecos Bill. Volumes are sold separately.

Clinton Debate
Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL Multimedia
See also CALL-IS CD, CELIA, Jim Duber Purchase options: freeware
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Duber
Description: This lesson is based on excerpts from one of the Presidential debates with B. Clinton, G. Bush and R. Perot. Its focus is on listening comprehension, though there are a fair amount of reading, writing and discussion elements to boot. It is designed to play on any Macintosh computer running system 6 or higher, with QuickTime (a freeware extension) installed and 4 Mb of free RAM. A 12 inch monitor set to display 256 colors would be nice, though not essential. This is a freeware lesson suitable for use in a language lab with a teacher (though it can be modified for self-access study). Worksheets are provided in Word and Teach Text format.

Coloring Book 3.2
Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Opp-Beckman
Description: Coloring Book, authored by Jim Allison and available through Ravenna, is an entertaining piece of software which incorporates sound, color and basic menus/arrows, including a "help" function. Its simple interface, a page-by-page (template-style) format with constant tool

pallettes on the left and bottom portions of the screen, makes it easy for even the most beginning computer users. Most of the pages are useful for simple mouse practice (including coloring book pages, a "lite-brite" game, and a geometric shapes page), with a "surprise" animation lurking in each scene. More complex pages include paste-your-own graphics and, my favorite, tell-your-own-stories (check out the different voices!). A big hit in classes ages 5 through adult. Also available online at Rawenna, http://www.ravenna.com/. (Opp-Beckman)

Computer Camp

Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL Multimedia
See also CALL-IS CD, CELIA, Jim Duber, CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Duber
Description: This lesson is based on a TV news report about an actual computer camp for kids in Santa Clara, California. *(I have gotten permission from the Assistant News Director at the network to use the lesson in my own classes, at presentations, and to distribute it to other teachers as freeware, e.g., over the Internet).* It includes a QuickTime control bar for the sound which is synchronized to a color slide-show of key images from the report and a scrolling text field in which the learners type their answers. Handouts are provided in Word and Teach Text format. They include comprehension questions, a cloze exercise, highlighted vocabulary, and a complete transcript -- together with b/w images taken from the report. The lesson will run on any Mac running system 6 or 7 with 4 Mb (or more) of free RAM and with QuickTime installed. A color monitor (14 inches or bigger) or a PowerBook display are also necessary.

Dictation A and B; C and D

Machine: Mac
Publisher: SpeakWare See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: $80 on disk ($40 each)
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Description: Listen to 16 different dialogues and then use each dialogue as a cloze test and a dictation test. Two disks--Disk A is about food; Disk B covers workplace. Both disks concentrate on reduced speech (want to/wanna). Color.

Dynamic Business English

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $700 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port), business
Info from: Wachman, McKee
Description: Formerly known as Interactive Business English. Presented in a similar format to Dynamic English for ESL, this listening-based business English course on 6 CD-ROMs offers the listening, speaking, reading, and critical thinking skills for the workplace/international business situation. The topics are Company History, Job History, Manufacturing and Trade, Product Comparisons, Overseas Assignment, and Future Consequences. This content-based program begins with a Presentation during which the student answers periodic listening comprehension questions. These questions reinforce the vocabulary, language concepts, and structure, while giving the students repeated opportunities to respond. The feedback includes an automated 'shuffler level' which adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions according to the learner's response. The Question Practice gives the student practice in question formation. Quantitative English, Dictations, the Verb Grid, and Grammar Fill-In test the student's knowledge. The program includes voice recording capability for student practice. Mac and Windows. Individual CDs (one topic each) can be purchased separately.

Dynamic Classics
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: 4 titles for $200; lab, site available
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Jap)
Description: Dramatized retellings of Round the World in 80 days, A Christmas Carol, Alice in Wonderland, and Robin Hood on interactive CD-ROM supported by dictations, fill-ins, character matrix, and on-line comprehension aids. For listening, reading, and vocabulary development. Voice recording. 4 titles for $200; lab, site license available.

English Alive
Machine: Mac
Publisher: eigoMedia *Purchase options: ¥9950*
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Buell
Description: *EigoMedia, a Tokyo-based software publisher,* produces monthly issues of a CD-ROM "magazine" for Japanese learners of English who use Macintoshes. Each issue is packed with original content from the publishers, mainly color HyperCard stacks with many multimedia elements such as dialogues and video clips. Past features have included interviews with Japan-based rock bands and bar owners, along with trivia, concentration-style and hangman games and similar "info-tainment" activities.

English by the Numbers
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab and site
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port, It)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Line
Description: This CD-ROM-based course focuses on the language of numbers and basic mathematics. Useful for students and people in business and technical fields who need to understand or make oral presentations in English, do business over the telephone, participate in question-and-answer sessions involving the exchange of numerical information, and improve listening comprehension. Each unit includes a brief oral presentation followed by practice activities that test listening comprehension. The material is suitable for TOEIC levels 450-750.

English Easy: Conversations
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood Multimedia Corp.
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack $235 for 10
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 3-12, Adult
Info from: Jabaji
Description: English Easy series are designed specifically for students learning to speak English. Students can focus on the oral/aural aspect of the language, brush up on their grammar knowledge or hone their conversational skill and, at the same time, learn more about North American culture. Tutorial sessions are available to help Chinese and Japanese students navigate through the program. Interactive dialogues depicting common North American scenarios illustrate applications of pronunciations and grammar. Relevant vocabulary is introduced for each subject matter so that students can associate them readily. Skill-testing questions are designed to give students added practice in listening and reacting to normal speech. Good sound quality and graphics. (RJ)

English Easy: Vowels and Consonants

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood Multimedia Corp.
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack $235 for 10
Level: Beginning For: 3-12, Adult
Special use: literacy
Info from: Jabaji
Description: English Easy series are designed specifically for students learning to speak English. Students can focus on the oral/aural aspect of the language, brush up on their grammar knowledge or hone their conversational skill and, at the same time, learn more about North American culture. Tutorial sessions are available to help Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) and Japanese students navigate through the program.
Emphasizes proper pronunciation of English vowels and consonants. Each new component is followed by listening and spelling exercises to reinforce understanding. Example words are explained using full-coloured graphics and animations to allow students to associate with them without resorting to their native language. Abstract words have additional multilingual explanations to speed understanding. Requires a CD-ROM drive. (RJ)

Expeditions into English

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Softec
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-3
Description: Expeditions is a CD-ROM based version of the Prentice Hall Regents series by the same name. It includes a variety of notional/functional lessons in 12 units integrating text, sound, and color graphics to let students practice listening comprehension, vocabulary development, and speaking. The recording option lets students compare their voices with the original and participate in conversations in the lessons. Online help is available from anywhere in the program.
Requires System 7 or higher and 20MB of free space on the hard drive.

FDR

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-4
Description: Archive video and sound clips, virtual tour of FDR's life.

Firsthand Access

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: DynEd International See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $150
Level: Beginning For: 6-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Kor)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Line
Description: This beginning-level course, based on Longman Group's English Firsthand series, is designed for learners is grades 6-12 and provides about 40 hours of interactive study on CD-ROM. It uses audio and graphics to enhance listening activities. Activities include repetition, comprehension questions, gap-filling exercises, matching words to objects, sentence construction, and voice recording. Sentence structures are presented in the context of everyday conversational functions.

Fit or Fat?

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Geoff Taylor

Approximate single-unit price: $8
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: literacy
Info from: Addis; ESL Linc
Description: Originally designed as a way of teaching the phonetic alphabet. The student hears a word pronounced, then has to click on the robot on the screen who has that word written on his chest. Set up as a series of minimal pairs. Really challenges the students to distinguish between the various sounds they are having difficulty with. There is a diagnostic exercise included that goes through a wide range of pairs and scores the results as excellent, neutral, or needing practice. Unfortunately, the program does not seem to update these results properly as the students practice each set of sounds. It is also not obvious how to get to the diagnostic test when the stack first opens. Some sounds are clearer than others--even the better Sound Manager voices can only approximate real speech. Shareware. Memory or space requirements: 450k disk space, 2MB RAM (or as much as 5 MB RAM if high quality Voices used.) Headphones help the students focus on the sounds much better (and stop the teacher from going nuts!) (SA)
The program can be downloaded from ftp://ftp.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/pub/mirror/sumex-aim.stanford.edu/edu/fit-or-fat-12b-hc.hqx

Functioning in Business
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $900 Purchase options: network, lab and site licenses
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: These four CD-ROMs use QuickTime Video and speech recognition technologies to create an engaging learning environment. The course is designed for intermediate level students preparing to use English in a business context. The primary focus is on practical language functions common in the business world such as requesting, refusing, suggesting, confirming, etc. Vocabulary is developed in the context of meetings, phone calls, a business lunch, negotiations, and a disagreement. Provides about 80-100 hours of intensive self-study and practice. Networkable.

Gessler QKids Enrichment Kit
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Three components, also sold separately: QPictionary, using a talking ABC board to build vocabulary and alphabet knowledge; QRead, with six video and audio stories; and QDo, with seven games for word identification through reading or listening. Each component is $40. CD-ROM.

Heather Hits Her First Home Run
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This story is about how children feel in life's crucial moments, and shows the value of perseverance and team spirit. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line

glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Heinle & Heinle TOEFL Test Preparation Software

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Healey; ESL Linc
Description: Features digitized audio input for practice of the listening section; integrated reference areas for listening, grammar and reading with direct links to related test questions; and the option of studying in either self-paced or timed mode. Includes practice of specific question types and complete simulated tests. Itemized test scores can be printed out to monitor progress. This program reflects changes in the TOEFL as of July 1995. Runs under Windows and on the Macintosh.

Hollywood

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Theatrix Interactive See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site, lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: S. Addis
Description: A creative writing CD-ROM, which lets you or your students write, direct, and play your own animated shows with talking characters. You select the scene, you direct the actors, you write the dialogue, you choose the music and special effects. You can screen it in the theater by clicking on the projector. There's even an Idea Machine which provides story starters, plot twists, and dialogue suggestions based on the scene you've chosen and the specific personalities of your characters. Uses computerized voices; sometimes you have to fiddle with spelling to get them to sound right. (SA)

HyperACE Advanced

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $90 Purchase options: site
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: Bradin, Healey, Beller-Kenner; CJ 6:1 1995
Description: 14-disk set of listening comprehension exercises running under HyperCard. Provides extensive sentence-level practice in listening to the types of speech that students are expected to comprehend in an academic setting. Learners listen to a question recorded in high-quality, digitized native speech and choose an appropriate graphic as the answer or type in the correct response. Textual reinforcement is presented only after the student has responded. Suitable for classroom work or independent study. In a laboratory setting, headsets are recommended. Questions require thought as well as language skill to answer correctly, making them more interesting than the usual listening practice.

HyperACE Intermediate

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: 14-disk set of listening comprehension exercises with extensive sentence-level practice. Focuses on the type of language students are expected to comprehend in an academic setting. Learners listen to a question (digitized recording), then choose an appropriate graphic or

type in the correct response. Students see the text only after they have answered the question. Headsets are recommended in a lab setting.

Imagination Express: Destination: Neighborhoods

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: justice, Bishop
Description: Excellent software for making interactive storybooks. For ESL purposes, it is even better if projected onto a large screen for whole class oral language activities. Choose from a variety of scenes: school, home, playground, mall, etc. Place people and objects into this setting. These 'smart stickers' can be positioned inside, beside, behind, in front of, etc. and change their size according to where they are placed on the screen. Narration can be added.
Other CD's in the series: Castle; Rain Forest; Ocean; Pyramids; &, Time Trip, USA (With Destination: Ocean, an animation feature was added.) For ESL, Neighborhoods and Oceans are probably most helpful. Sheltered English classes might be able to use others depending on subject.

Japan Quake

Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL Multimedia
See also CALL-IS Mac Library Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Duber
Description: Material is based on a news report that aired just two days after the huge earthquake in Japan of January, 1995. This lesson focuses on practicing advanced level listening skills, and in addition to reading and some writing components, it includes opportunities for pronunciation practice (if a microphone is available) and more. A small shareware fee ($10 US) is requested to encourage the development of additional lessons. Japan Quake is freeware.

Just Grandma and Me

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also Learning Services, Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap)
Info from: Healey, Wachman; STDOT
Description: This CD-ROM is a story about Little Critter's trip to the beach with his/her grandmother. It offers well-drawn, animated graphics with text and sound. The story is endearing to adults and children, but may seem too childish to teenagers. The learner can choose to listen to the story as it is displayed on screen (with text highlighted as it is read) or to control the pace and click on different items within each screen to see what they do. The learner also has a choice of seeing and hearing the text in Spanish and Japanese (kanji). It may be helpful to low-level learners who speak those languages to go through the story once in their own language, then listen and read again in English. If students are interacting with the text in 'play' mode, they can be assigned tasks by a teacher to profit linguistically from the mostly graphical responses to their mouse clicks.

Keyholes on the World

Machine: Mac
Publisher: LCC Logics Purchase options: 395.- Swiss Francs
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Rollinghoff
Description: This CD-ROM contains over 20 projects authored with PhotoProject Author, organized by a group of teachers in Lausanne, Switzerland. Projects include such topics as hobbies, travel, and sports, with texts contributed by students. The projects have been thoroughly

corrected to provide readers with mistake-free texts. Each of the projects includes listening comprehension (15-20 minute recordings) by native speakers, reading comprehension, and vocabulary building. Users have a simple database to help them choose by subject, level, or theme. More detailed information and sample projects for download are available at http://www.unil.ch/cdl/Logiciels/PhotoProjectE.html

Learn English with Asterix and Son

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: EuroTalk See also EduCorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $45
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM based programs that use sound, graphics, and text starring the comic book characters of Asterix the Gaul and his son. Students can monitor their progress with an animated quiz. Voice recording. Several different stories are available.

Listen!

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Heinemann ELT See also World of Reading, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Algren
Description: This two-level, four CD-ROM set accompanies a book and audio cassette. Materials are designed for beginning and intermediate ESL students, and could be used for remedial work for upper level students. Could be used from elementary through higher education. Ability to record student and play back model and student. Choice of British or American English accent. Each level can be purchased separately for $40, or both for $55.

ListenPro!

Machine: Mac
Publisher: SpeakWare
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Special use: TOEFL
Description: An exam preparation program that readies students for the listening portion of tests like TOEFL. Requires 6MB on hard drive and a min. of 2MB RAM. Color.

Martin Luther King Videodisc

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Glencoe McGraw-Hill
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Healey; STDOT
Description: This offers historical footage from ABC News as well as still photos and text about the life of Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement. Clips of young adults talking about the effect of the Movement on their lives today are also included. The program consists of a double-sided videodisc controlled by a HyperCard stack. There are extensive options for viewing, including with accompanying text, in Spanish or English, or in clips to copy to a videotape. Because the options are numerous, students will probably need an introduction to the program by a teacher. For best language learning results, the teacher should give students information gathering or information transfer tasks to perform.

The strength of the program is in the large quantity of information provided in a hypertext format that allows movement among ideas.

McGee Series

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Lawrence Productions   See also Learning Lab Software, Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $55   Purchase options: school version, lab, site
Level: Beginning   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: Designed to encourage exploration and language development. Incorporates animation and digitized sound. Includes McGee, Katie's Farm, and McGee at the Fun Fair; each is purchased separately.

MicroReport: Who, What, and Where in the USA

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $40   Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Advanced   For: Adult, HE
Info from: Healey
Description: Advanced listening comprehension designed for ESL/EFL, especially for students preparing for university lectures. Students listen to short reports on US places and people, then answer questions.

Mindstorm TOEIC

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Mindstorm
Approximate single-unit price: $75
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: HE
Info from: Chorus, ESL Linc
Description: This CD-ROM prepares students for the TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication), a test taken mostly in Japan by students who want to study in the US. The CD contains not only practice with the multiple-choice test but also test-taking hints, listening practice with famous speeches, and a multimedia game called Maze where learners have to answer grammar and vocabulary questions to escape. Help sections are in Japanese. Reviewer Brian Rhodes (http://www.chorus.cycor.ca/Duber/toeic.html) comments that the program suffers from poor audio and a lack of feedback on individual test items, but that the practice should be useful for those interested in the TOEIC.

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10   Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A warm and sensitive story exploring children's feelings about moving. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Mud Puddle

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10   Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual

Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A charming story about a little girl that is always attacked by a mud puddle, and how she responds. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Northern Lights: The Soccer Trail

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Description: Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families dealing with tragedy. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio 'labels' to enhance student understanding. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Physics at Work

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $500
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Physics of Flight

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery
Approximate single-unit price: $380
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: grade 9-12
Special use: bilingual, science
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMAX.

Playroom, The

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: Wivell
Description: Early Learning software on CD-ROM. Activities teach reading and math readiness, basic keyboarding. Has speech and is compatible with TouchWindow. This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick.

Promise is a Promise, A

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc

Description: Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families working together to solve problems. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio 'labels' to enhance student understanding. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Quick English: General 1, General 2, Business, Junior

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: LinguaTech See also Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $90 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Chantril's
Description: A family of multimedia CD-ROMs for ESL/EFL students studying at the intermediate to advanced levels. The Quick English Business and Quick English Junior titles are available for systems running WorldScript-Japanese or Japanese Windows 3.1/Japanese Win95. Teachers need to add tasks that encourage students to interact with each other, not just watch passively.
Each title has 10 interactive lessons, 15 minutes of video and over 30 minutes of audio, hundreds of test questions, a listening comprehension section, and a Hangman game. QE General 1 is 'Social Skills, Planning & Scheduling'; QE General 2 is 'Traveling, Ordering & Shopping'; QE Business 1 is 'Public Speaking & Business Activities'; and QE Business 2 is 'Negotiations & Transactions.' Each CD-ROM package is $90, with a five-CD pack (single platform and title) for $245.00.

Rosetta Stone: English Level I/II

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Fairfield Language Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $400 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: McVicker, N.Johnson, Wachman, justice; DigiEnglish, ESL Linc
Description: Comprehensive second language tutorial program with target language only. Students see a picture and hear the word/ phrase/sentence with the text optionally turned on or off. After displaying/playing a set of four prompts, the program drills comprehension by presenting the audio cue to which the student selects the appropriate picture. The program includes a listening dictation feature. Students can also record their own voices. Requires a CD-ROM drive. This program can be used as a stand alone tutorial for very low level students although they may need some help learning to use the computer interface initially. The program has been upgraded with speech recognition and ancillary material. A demo version is on TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.
A lab pack (5 copies) is $1475 with each additional for $195. Site license pricing is $3000 for a 20-station lab, one level; each additional station is $150, and a second level is $2000. A 30-station lab is $4500 for one level and a second level for $3000.

Science Discovery Middle School (formerly Science Discovery)

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 6-8
Special use: Science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Small Talk 1 & 2

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Libra Multimedia See also Wida, Educorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $135 Purchase options: Each CD for $50

Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM practice in conversational English (British English) related to travel, social contacts, and work. Variety of listening and speaking exercises including voice recording. CD #1 focuses on home, family, health, and spare time; #2, on transportation, holidays, weather, hotels, restaurants, and going out; #3, on work, companies, business and the economy, social trends, and national differences.

Sound Sentences

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $600 Purchase options: lab pack, networking
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: 10 different disk sets on survival topics, purchased separately. Students can see pictures, hear a sentence with digitized speech, and reconstruct the sentence. Requires Anti-Vox I/O Board, Tandy voice chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster. On disk and CD-ROM. Complete set $600; lab pack of 5 for $1190, of 10 for $1785, and network for $2380.

Telephone Talk 1&2

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Libra Multimedia See also Wida, Educorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $90
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton; ESL Linc
Description: Requires CD-ROM drive. British English. Almost 100 dialogues for listening and speaking practice, with color photos and exercises to improve understanding. Learners can choose to see the text on screen as they listen to the dialogue. They can also record themselves to compare to the model. Functions addressed include getting through on the phone, understanding names and numbers, dealing with offers and invitations, making appointments, ordering things, and making complaints.

Thomas' Snowsuit

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. An interactive story with listening support in either English or Spanish. Tells the story of the many ways adults try to get Thomas to wear his snow suit. The reading of each sentence can be slowed to make it more accessible for ESL students. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Thumbnail Theater: Macbeth

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Timelines, maps of England, video clips, other supporting information as well as a 9-minute animated synopsis of Macbeth. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Thumbnail Theater: Treasure Island
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Life of Robert Lewis Stevenson, analysis of the characters, stories of famous pirates, and other supporting material. Includes an animated synopsis of Treasure Island. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

TOEFL Mentor
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Encomium Publications See also Wida, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Beller-Kenner, Sachs
Description: TOEFL Mentor is a HyperCard-like program that runs off a CD-ROM and includes tutorials, practice tests and timed tests for all sections of the TOEFL test: Structure and Grammar, Listening Comprehension, and Reading Comprehension. In addition, test taking strategies and tips are available for both the TOEFL and the Test of Written English. We've had positive response from students and faculty who have used it, and have had some success in using it in a workshop environment where more traditional materials (books and tapes) are also available for students to use. (Sachs) Encomium will update TOEFL Mentor to reflect future changes in the content/format of the TOEFL test by ETS. Demos are available for downloading from the Encomium Publications web page at http://www.encomium.com. See Tom Robb's review of the program at http://www.kyoto-su.ac.jp/people/teacher/trobb/mentor/mr2.html

Tortoise and the Hare
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive. If this program is used on an IBM or compatible, it requires an MPC-compliant machine.

Treehouse, The
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Pre-K-6
Special use: elementary
Info from: Wivell
Description: This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick. Includes seven educational games. Students explore the on-screen hideaway, learning about music, animals, mathematics, sentence structure, money & place value. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Understanding Earth
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery
Approximate single-unit price: $500

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: grade 6-12
Special use: science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMAX.

Using Money and Making Change

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Orange Cherry/New Media Schoolhouse
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning For: All
Description: Teaches basic money and math skills using digitized audio and color graphics. Includes the simulation, 'If You Ran a Cookie Shop.'

VOA News Lesson

Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL Multimedia
See also CALL-IS CD, CELIA Purchase options: freeware
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Info from: Duber
Description: This lesson is based on an excerpt of a Voice of America news broadcast. Its focus is on listening comprehension, though it includes reading, writing, vocabulary, and discussion elements as well. It is designed to play on any Macintosh computer running system 6 or higher, with QuickTime (a freeware extension) installed and 4 Mb of free RAM (though 2.5 Mb should be enough with this one). A 12 inch monitor set to display 256 colors would be nice (though not essential). This is a freeware lesson suitable for use in a language lab with a teacher (though it can be modified for self-access study). Worksheets are provided in Word and Teach Text format.

Volcanoes: Life on the Edge

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-4
Special use: science
Description: Multimedia information about volcanoes. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Zargon Zoo

Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Heinemann ELT See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: An interactive adventure that requires only a low level of English and that is suitable for teenagers and young adults. Runs under Windows on the IBM.

PRONUNCIATION

Accent Improvement

Machine: Mac
Publisher: SpeakWare See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site; $40 disk version
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE
Info from: ESL Technology User's Guide, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: This three-disk HyperCard-based program uses computer animation to show the articulation points of English sounds. Students can practice the discrimination of sounds through the use of nearly 300 minimal pairs.

American Accent Program 5.0

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Ford Language Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $400 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: Healey; ESL Linc
Description: Multimedia ESL pronunciation and intonation tutor with video, sound, and cutaway graphics. This program takes students step-by-step through the pronunciation of all American English sounds. Intonation module includes 8 intonation patterns, contrastive intonation, compound nouns, and heteronyms. Record and compare voice with male and female speakers. Site licenses: $2500 for 5-20 computers, $4500 for 21-50. Check with the publisher about adopting AAP as a class text ($35 per student copy) and getting a free lab pack.

Cat Came Back, The

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: Stories can be read in English, French, or Spanish. Students can record and play back their voices while pronouncing any of the 1311 words in the story. They can also sing along to the story's song and create and their own stories with graphics. A teacher's manual is included, with lesson plans, worksheets, and blackline masters. Requires CD-ROM drive.

English Easy: Conversations

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood Multimedia Corp.
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack $235 for 10
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 3-12, Adult
Info from: Jabaji
Description: English Easy series are designed specifically for students learning to speak English. Students can focus on the oral/aural aspect of the language, brush up on their grammar knowledge or hone their conversational skill and, at the same time, learn more about North American culture. Tutorial sessions are available to help Chinese and Japanese students navigate through the program.
Interactive dialogues depicting common North American scenarios illustrate applications of pronunciations and grammar. Relevant vocabulary is introduced for each subject matter so that students can associate them readily. Skill-testing questions are designed to give students added practice in listening and reacting to normal speech.
Good sound quality and graphics. (RJ)

English Easy: Vowels and Consonants

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood Multimedia Corp.
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack $235 for 10
Level: Beginning For: 3-12, Adult
Special use: literacy
Info from: Jabaji
Description: English Easy series are designed specifically for students learning to speak English. Students can focus on the oral/aural aspect of the language, brush up on their grammar knowledge or hone their conversational skill and, at the same time, learn more about North American culture. Tutorial sessions are available to help Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) and Japanese students navigate through the program.
Emphasizes proper pronunciation of English vowels and consonants. Each new component is followed by listening and spelling exercises to reinforce understanding. Example words are explained using full-coloured graphics and animations to allow students to associate with them without resorting to their native language. Abstract words have additional multilingual explanations to speed understanding. Requires a CD-ROM drive. (RJ)

Japan Quake

Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL Multimedia
See also CALL-IS Mac Library Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Dubey
Description: Material is based on a news report that aired just two days after the huge earthquake in Japan of January, 1995. This lesson focuses on practicing advanced level listening skills, and in addition to reading and some writing components, it includes opportunities for pronunciation practice (if a microphone is available) and more. A small shareware fee ($10 US) is requested to encourage the development of additional lessons. Japan Quake is freeware.

Mega Munchers

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton, N.Johnson
Description: Three CD-ROM set, with Math Munchers, Word Munchers, and Knowledge Munchers (formerly Trivia Munchers Deluxe). Arcade-style games. Word Munchers drills the variant spelling of vowel sounds. Students are presented with a model (/i/ as in fish), they then move around a grid selecting all of the other words that have the same vowel sound while trying to avoid little monsters that randomly move through the grid. The program can be set so that students will only work on a limited set of vowel sounds. There is no instructional phase to the program, so teachers will want to either preteach the common patterns and exceptions or encourage their students to be persistent discovery learners. Knowledge Munchers is a trivia-style game in arcade form. Math Munchers works on math skills. MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

Pronunciation Power

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: English Computerized Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $85 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: DigiEnglish, ESL Linc

Description: Pronunciation CD-ROM with a variety of exercises for practice. Learners can listen, record, and review the different sounds.

Speech Works

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Trinity Software
Approximate single-unit price: $85 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: ESL Loo
Description: Pronunciation CD-ROM with a variety of exercises for practice. Learners can listen, record, and review the different sounds. SpeechWorks includes a technical vocabulary component, so learners in different disciplines can practice field-specific vocabulary.

Video Voice

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: MicroVideo
Approximate single-unit price: $2500
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Healey
Description: A system for pronunciation improvement with an impressive array of exercise types and options. This offers clear, easy-to-comprehend graphics of waveforms and formants; most are a single line, rather than the mass of squiggles typical of computer-generated waveforms. Formant practice can be static or live, as can displays of pitch, amplitude, and rhythm. Learners can repeat and try to match the teacher/speech clinician-generated target with a number of visual as well as aural cues. Both children and adults will appreciate the game format options for practice. Record-keeping is built-in and includes detailed reports.
One drawback is that target sounds do not come with the program and need to be entered by the teacher. This is a potentially highly time-consuming operation. Still, the wide variety of exercise types and reinforcement activities may make it worth the effort for institutions with a large number of students who could use this program. Comes with special digitizing hardware that plugs into the computer and a microphone. Price includes free upgrades.

Word Gallery

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: Graphic guide to English pronunciation and spelling of one-syllable words. Free demo available.

READING

Ace Detective
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Mindplay See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network, lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 3-Adult
Special use: bilingual
Description: Students practice critical reading skills organizing information gained from texts and drawing conclusions. Also available in French and Spanish. On disks or on Mac/Windows CD-ROM.

Ace Reporter
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Mindplay
See also Learning Services, Comenius, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: network, lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-2
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Students read 'teletype' messages and conduct 'phone interviews' to find answers to Who, What, When, Where and Why questions. Once their stories are complete they select the best headline for the story. CD-ROM and disk available for Mac and Windows.

Alphabetizing
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Computers for Education
See also TESOL/CELIA, CELIA, CALL-IS Mac Library
Approximate single-unit price: $5 Purchase options: site license
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Description: In this shareware program from Elizabeth Hanson-Smith, students are given eight sets of related words to alphabetize by moving the words onto a list. Students can look at the correct answer and print out each list upon completion. The color version is distributed by Computers for Education, and a black and white version is available on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

AmandaStories
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Voyager Company See also EduCorp
Approximate single-unit price: $15
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: CD-ROM-based graphical adventure stories about Inigo the Cat and Your Faithful Camel with color animation, sound effects, and music but no text. Students select objects using the pointer, thereby determining the course of the story. To have any value in the language classroom, students must have a task set by the teacher that requires language, such as talking with a partner about what to do next, writing about what the animals did, or creating a similar story of their own.

Amazon Trail II
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-4
Description: Amazon Trail is a simulation of a trip up the Amazon River (and through time). The goal is to search for a medicinal plant that can save the ancient Incas from malaria. As students travel up the Amazon River they explore the rain forest, visit historical people and landmarks, trade with the people of the region, navigate and fish for food. The program comes with teacher's

manuals and student worksheets that facilitate cooperative learning-based lessons and communicative language development. CD-ROM version. The earlier version is on disk and is slightly less expensive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

Amnesty Interactive

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Amnesty International   See also Educorp
Approximate single-unit price: $15   Purchase options: £15 in EU
Level: Advanced   For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey; ESL Linc
Description: This interactive CD-ROM from Amnesty International presents information about the struggle for human rights throughout history. Information is organized by geographical location, time in history, and famous people. Both human rights abuses and human rights successes are shown. The material is sometimes presented relatively rapidly, requiring learners to listen or read a second time.

Anatomy & Physiology

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery
Approximate single-unit price: $600
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: grade 9-12
Special use: science
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMAX.

Animals, The

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Mindscape
Approximate single-unit price: $70
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: All
Info from: Moore
Description: This is a CD-ROM multimedia tour of San Diego Zoo. It includes 80 video clips (small-2x 3 inches on screen), pictures and information about 200 animals, information about the areas they live in, and a section on endangered animals. We plan to use it as an information source for intermediate academic students. It seems to have been created for primary to secondary school students, but has been popular with adult EFL students. The menu page is a picture of the zoo from above, and you just click on the area you're interested in or choose an animal from a list. (Moore) Version 2 includes the A to Z Gallery, with an animal for each letter of the alphabet.

Art Lesson, The

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The   See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $55   Purchase options: lab packs from $190-2100
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: K-4
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Students explore and experience a story based on the original work of author Tomie dePaola. They can read the story, hear it read to them by the author, and explore the text and living illustrations. Integrated art activities let students create with the author. Also includes video clips as they explore Tomie dePaola's studio, hear him tell about his childhood experiences, and learn about his life as an author and illustrator. Requires CD-ROM drive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-6 and family literacy settings.

Basic Skills for the Real World

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Wasatch Education Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $300 Purchase options: network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Adult
Special use: literacy
Description: Designed for adults who need reading and writing skills; uses extensive audio. Eight units, sold separately. Each unit includes a management component. The units are Duc and Linh (lifeskills math and numeracy, inferences, map reading); New Challenges (signs, maps, compare products, make appointments, make inferences); Grace Under Pressure (career search, basic home repairs, interpret charts and graphs, auto purchasing and insurance); Amazing Grace (test-taking strategies, time management, price comparison, budgeting, writing ads and letters); Joe Moves Up (job attitudes, phone skills, using a catalog, customer service, cooking); KC Makes Choices (emergency first aid, drugs and alcohol, gangs, getting a job, dealing with learning disabilities, reading comprehension); Linda's New Start (job handbook., customer service, comparison shopping, using a timecard); and Day by Day (computing mileage, reading a map, comparison shopping, making a budget, time management, fact vs. opinion).

Better US Map 2.3b

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Spivey, Terry
Approximate single-unit price: $4
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-12
Special use: geography
Info from: S. Williams
Description: Students can click on any state to hear its name pronounced in a real, not MacInTalk, voice!) and see the name on the screen. Once they are ready, they have a choice of three quizzes. One tests them on the names of the regions - which are not taught in this program! In another they hear and see the question 'Find [state name]' If they click on the correct state they can click on a pair of dice to move on to the next question. In the other quiz, they see the state and its capital together with the names of the neighboring states, and they are asked to click on the appropriate information. Shareware.
Requirements: HyperCard or HyperCard Player. Headphones useful, to stop the teacher from going crazy ;-)

Bilingual Reading Comprehension

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $230 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary

Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is a reading comprehension program in Spanish and English that features immediate on-screen translation of stories into either language. It features 36 stories with colorful graphics. Includes audio capability for students to hear key words translated into either language.

Bilingual Graph Club

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions
Approximate single-unit price: $130   Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog, Bishop
Description: Students can use this to construct, organize, and describe data with a variety of graphs. It includes a library of over 150 icons, and will count numbers aloud as the graph is created. Information can be represented in Spanish or English. On CD-ROM.

Building Reading Skills

Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Approximate single-unit price: $750   Purchase options: $200 per set; lab, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-6
Info from: Seaver
Description: Four separate 11-disk sets cover predicting and restating sequence; identifying main ideas, moods, and irrelevant information; using examples; types of persuasion; inferring main ideas, purpose, and word meanings; and judging logical validity. Tutorials and short readings with multiple choice and fill-in questions. Created for junior high level native speakers. $200 per set; $400 for lab packs per set; $1000 network license per set. $750 for the complete series.

Cat Came Back, The

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: Stories can be read in English, French, or Spanish. Students can record and play back their voices while pronouncing any of the 1311 words in the story. They can also sing along to the story's song and create and their own stories with graphics. A teacher's manual is included, with lesson plans, worksheets, and blackline masters. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Charlotte's Web

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Computers for Education   See also CELIA
Approximate single-unit price: $5   Purchase options: site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: Grade 4-12
Description: This HyperCard stack by Elizabeth Hanson-Smith, Cinny Cowgill, and Trang Nguyen offers students a quiz on the characters in Charlotte's Web. A reference button allows students to look up names of the characters.

Children's Classics

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $20   Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning   For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Fr, Ger)

Description: Interactive fairy tales on CD-ROM. Learners can just listen and read, or they can read and record/replay their own voices. Includes a glossary and sequencing, concentration, and multiple choice exercises. Volume 1 has Jack in the Beanstalk, Pinocchio, and Peter Pan. Volume 2 has John Henry, Paul Bunyan, and Pecos Bill. Volumes are sold separately.

Cloze Encounters in English (ESL)

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Description: A cloze generating program in which students fill in vowels, consonants, or words in a reading passage. A number of short texts are provided and teachers may add passages into the program for students to do.

College Level Reading Comprehension

Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Approximate single-unit price: $170 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Advanced For: AE, HE
Info from: Seaver
Description: 5-disk set covers skimming, making inferences, and identifying main ideas and supporting details. Short readings with multiple choice and fill-in questions. Created for college level native speakers.

Coloring Book 3.2

Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Opp-Beckman
Description: Coloring Book, authored by Jim Allison and available through Ravenna, is an entertaining piece of software which incorporates sound, color and basic menus/arrows, including a "help" function. Its simple interface, a page-by-page (template-style) format with constant tool pallettes on the left and bottom portions of the screen, makes it easy for even the most beginning computer users. Most of the pages are useful for simple mouse practice (including coloring book pages, a "lite-brite" game, and a geometric shapes page), with a "surprise" animation lurking in each scene. More complex pages include paste-your-own graphics and, my favorite, tell-your-own-stories (check out the different voices!). A big hit in classes ages 5 through adult. Also available online at Ravenna, http://www.ravenna.com/. (Opp-Beckman)

Core Reading and Vocabulary Development

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $675 Purchase options: lab (5):$1350, (10):2025; network: $2700
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-6, Adult
Special use: Elementary
Info from: N.Johnson; ESL Linc
Description: This program is a comprehensive approach to reading and language development. In the first phase, students see and say each word. In the Mac version students can hear each word pronounced. They can also record their pronunciation and compare it to the model. This digitized speech option in DOS computers requires an Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy sound chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster. The second phase is a reading of the lesson text, 2-3 sentences per screen. The same text is then presented in a timed reading exercise, one phrase at a time. The reading speed can be set from 25 WPM to 250 WPM.

Next the student completes a fill-in exercise using a word list at the bottom of the screen. Students are then presented with comprehension questions. These are in a Yes/no format. Students can refer back to the text to find the answer, and on an incorrect response the computer highlights the sentence where the answer should have been found.

Writing practice is conducted with the students' completing each word of a sentence from the text, where the first letter of each word is given. In a variation of the word completion exercise, students watch a target word move across the screen, when the word reaches the center of the screen it stops and part of the word disappears. The students type the missing letters. In one more word level exercise that students choose the correct spelling of a word from two distractors.

The TESOL/CELIA CD has a demo of this program. Mac version includes audio output of program directions in either English or Spanish.

Decimal & Fraction Maze

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Great Wave Software See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: Bilingual
Description: Includes eight math curricula, with up to 70 levels each, and covers 18 math skills. Spanish/English version allows each student to see and hear problems in Spanish or English, or to switch between languages at any time.

Decisions, Decisions Series

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey
Description: Students work in groups to use the software and text materials to make decisions. Students check the printed materials for additional background information. As a group they prioritize their goals, receive multiple perspectives on the issues from their 'advisors' in the computer, discuss their options and input their course of action to the computer. The computer presents the consequences and the 'advisors' reappear to offer the students help in dealing with them prior to another round of decisions, actions and consequences. These programs work well in a one-computer classroom. The following are ones most likely to be of interest to ESL/EFL students.
Immigration: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number of dilemmas related to immigration policy in the U.S.
Prejudice: Students take the role of a mayor up for re-election in a town with a racism problem. Their 'advisors' in the computer are an historian, a campaign manager, a lawyer and an activist.
The Environment: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number a dilemmas related to environmental damage in a small town.
Urbanization: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number of dilemma related to the costs and benefits of urbanization for a small town.
Violence in the Media: Students take the role of an advertising executive for a company sponsoring a controversial television program about life in a gang-infested urban neighborhood.
Titles are $150 each, with lab, network, and site licensing available. The program is on CD-ROM or disk.

Destination Mars!

Machine: Win, Mac, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Advanced For: Grade 7-12

Special use: science
Info from: Milton
Description: A space adventure activity; on disk or CD-ROM.

Developing Critical Thinking Skills for Effective Reading

Machine: DOS, Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab, network, site; both sets for $180
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Description: Helps students sharpen their critical thinking skills and develop their ability to make inferences. Disks contain short factual readings on four levels. Networkable. Upgraded in '94. Students read selections and answer multiple choice questions based on key words and inferences.

Diascriptive Reading I, II, III, IV

Machine: DOS, Win, Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $1400 Purchase options: $400/unit; lab pack, networking
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 4-12, Adult
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: An interactive reading tutorial designed for native speakers of English, both children and adults. The program is diagnostic, prescriptive and developmental. The instruction focuses on reading for details, inference, the main idea, vocabulary (synonyms, multiple meanings, discovering meaning in context), identifying the sequential signals in a text, and distinguishing between fact and opinion. The program includes a glossary with definitions and computer pronunciation of the target words. Useful for ESL false beginners and above. A demo is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM. Diascriptive Reading I, III, and IV are slightly less expensive, at $335 each.

Easy Street

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Mindplay See also Learning Services, Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3
Special use: Bilingual, elementary, literacy
Description: Builds reading and math readiness skills. Teaches counting, classification and labeling in English and Spanish. Can be customized for special needs.

Edunetics Interactive Series (Grades 4-6)

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Steck-Vaughn
See also Harcourt Brace Purchase options: lab pack available
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 4-6
Special use: elementary, science
Description: Earth science, biology, and history simulations designed for native speakers. CD-ROM. Individual titles range in price. All are listed separately on the Steck-Vaughn website, not listed as Edunetics.

Edunetics Interactive Series (K-6)

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Steck-Vaughn
See also Harcourt Brace Purchase options: lab pack available
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-6, T
Special use: elementary, science

Description: Phonics, Time, Dinosaurs, African Wild Animal Adventures, Earth Care, Violent Earth readings. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM. Individual titles range in price. All are listed separately on the Steck-Vaughn website, not listed as Edunetics.

English Alive
Machine: Mac
Publisher: eigoMedia Purchase options: ¥9950
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Buell
Description: EigoMedia, a Tokyo-based software publisher, produces monthly issues of a CD-ROM 'magazine' for Japanese learners of English who use Macintoshes. Each issue is packed with original content from the publishers, mainly color HyperCard stacks with many multimedia elements such as dialogues and video clips. Past features have included interviews with Japan-based rock bands and bar owners, along with trivia, concentration-style and hangman games and similar 'info-tainment' activities.

ESL TOEFL Prep
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Description: More than 500 multiple-choice questions intended to prepare intermediate and advanced ESL students for the written TOEFL.

Evil Landlady Action Maze
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Creative Technology Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, T
Description: An ESL action maze from Martin Holmes, implemented using HTML pages. Put it on your Web server or use it as an example for creating your own Web-based action maze. Freeware.

Express Yourself
Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library See also CELIA
Level: Advanced For: 6-12
Info from: McVicker; STDOT
Description: Interactive tutorial on freedoms of speech, press, assembly, petition, and religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the US Constitution. Geared toward American high school students.

FDR
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-4
Description: Archive video and sound clips, virtual tour of FDR's life.

Gapmaster
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA, Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Levy, Hurst, Bellpr-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: A cloze generator that can import text from other programs and print out. Hints can be added. Authorable. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version

2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries. Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Gessler QKids Enrichment Kit

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Three components, also sold separately: QPictionary, using a talking ABC board to build vocabulary and alphabet knowledge; QRead, with six video and audio stories; and QDo, with seven games for word identification through reading or listening. Each component is $40. CD-ROM.

Graffiti One

Machine: Mac
Publisher: SpeakWare See also Athelstan; Audio Forum
Approximate single-unit price: $15 Purchase options: site; $30 disk version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Special use: Literacy
Info from: Statan; STDOT; ESL Line
Description: 20 screen interactive reading based programs with digitized sound and graphics. Stories are suitable for older learners and they deal with contemporary topics. Students can read the passages in the story and hear the dialogue as well. There are built in cloze exercises for most of the screens. A set of exercises follow the story and include multiple choice (authorable), scanning, alphabetizing, dictation, and a hangman game. (For Macintosh Plus or better).

Gus Goes to Cybertown

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Modern Media Ventures See also EduCorp
Approximate single-unit price: $20
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: literacy
Info from: Pacheco
Description: We use lessons prepared according to what we are teaching to our students. This can be used to identify food items and build up vocabulary on food and drinks, identify animals, practice clothing items, and do other beginning-level vocabulary tasks. (MP)

Heather Hits Her First Home Run

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This story is about how children feel in life's crucial moments, and shows the value of perseverance and team spirit. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Heinle & Heinle TOEFL Test Preparation Software

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $35

Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Healey; ESL Linc
Description: Features digitized audio input for practice of the listening section; intergrated reference areas for listening, grammar and reading with direct links to related test questions; and the option of studying in either self-paced or timed mode. Includes practice of specific question types and complete simulated tests. Itemized test scores can be printed out to monitor progress. This program reflects changes in the TOEFL as of July 1995. Runs under Windows and on the Macintosh.

High Steps to Comprehension

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $230
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: 4-9
Special use: Bilingual (8 languages)
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is an interactive reading program with 48 stories on topics of interest to middle school aged children. The program include a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. Multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

History of the Blues

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Queue Inc. See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-5
Info from: Healey
Description: Students can read about the development of the blues, various blues styles, and blues artists while listening to sample recordings. Those who are interested in music can go more deeply into different blues styles, while others can use the content to get some background for the civil rights movement. This CD-ROM runs under Macintosh and DOS.

How to Read for Everyday Living

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $140 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Description: Designed for adult learners. Topics include reading labels, menus, and job ads; managing money; working with want ads and job applications; and travel-related reading. Activities include crosswords and other puzzles. CD-ROM or disk versions.

HyperStory

Machine: Mac
Publisher: D.C. Heath
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: Hanson-Smith
Description: This program goes with Charles May's collection of short stories, Fiction's Many Worlds. Students read the text in the book, then go to the HyperCard version. At crucial points in the text, they can click on a light bulb to get study questions, food for thought, etc. From there they can open a notebook and write answers. Toward the end of the story, they click open and choose a short writing assignment. For each of the 18 or so stories, they must print out their notes and their short writing assignment for the teacher to read--or e-mail them to him, or hand it over on disk. It gets every student responding to the story, so the class discussions are no longer "academic." Student comments seemed to run about 95% positive, and include things like, "I got so

I could guess what the comments were going to be!" and 'It brought attention to important details which would help me to better understand what the stories meant.'

Imagination Express: Destination: Neighborhoods

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $40   Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: All
Info from: justice, Bishop
Description: Excellent software for making interactive storybooks. For ESL purposes, it is even better if projected onto a large screen for whole class oral language activities. Choose from a variety of scenes: school, home, playground, mall, etc. Place people and objects into this setting. These 'smart stickers' can be positioned inside, beside, behind, in front of, etc. and change their size according to where they are placed on the screen. Narration can be added.
Other CD's in the series: Castle; Rain Forest; Ocean; Pyramids; &, Time Trip, USA (With Destination: Ocean, an animation feature was added.) For ESL, Neighborhoods and Oceans are probably most helpful. Sheltered English classes might be able to use others depending on subject.

In the Print Shop

Machine: Mac
Publisher: SpeakWare
Approximate single-unit price: $15   Purchase options: site; $30 disk version
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: 5-12, Adult
Special use: VESL
Info from: Stanan, Healey
Description: This is a HyperCard-based story about a young man with trouble at his printing job. The reader has some choice at the end in the direction the story will take. The readings have sound and graphics; students can test themselves with cloze exercises (they can listen to the passage again to get help) and dictations. The learner's score can be printed out before s/he quits the program. The content includes information about what employers value and what gets an employee into trouble.

Inside the SAT/ACT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $25
Level: Advanced   For: 9-12
Description: Practice with SAT and ACT tests, designed for native speakers; text is by the Princeton Review. CD-ROM.

Japan Quake

Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL Multimedia
See also CALL-IS Mac Library   Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-6
Info from: Duber
Description: Material is based on a news report that aired just two days after the huge earthquake in Japan of January, 1995. This lesson focuses on practicing advanced level listening skills, and in addition to reading and some writing components, it includes opportunities for pronunciation practice (if a microphone is available) and more. A small shareware fee ($10 US) is requested to encourage the development of additional lessons. Japan Quake is freeware.

Jump Start Reading series

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure

Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-2
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Three programs, sold separately: JumpStart Kindergarten Grade Reading, JumpStart 1st Grade Reading, and JumpStart 2nd Grade Reading. Multimedia drill with game elements designed to promote literacy. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Just Grandma and Me

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also Learning Services, Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap)
Info from: Healey, Wachman, STDOT
Description: This CD-ROM is a story about Little Critter's trip to the beach with his/her grandmother. It offers well-drawn, animated graphics with text and sound. The story is endearing to adults and children, but may seem too childish to teenagers. The learner can choose to listen to the story as it is displayed on screen (with text highlighted as it is read) or to control the pace and click on different items within each screen to see what they do. The learner also has a choice of seeing and hearing the text in Spanish and Japanese (kanji). It may be helpful to low-level learners who speak those languages to go through the story once in their own language, then listen and read again in English. If students are interacting with the text in 'play' mode, they can be assigned tasks by a teacher to profit linguistically from the mostly graphical responses to their mouse clicks.

Kaplan GRE, GMAT, LSAT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Kaplan
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-9
Description: Preparation for GRE, GMAT, LSAT tests. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Kaplan SAT, PSAT, ACT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Kaplan
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-8
Description: Preparation for SAT, PSAT, and ACT tests. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Keyholes on the World

Machine: Mac
Publisher: LCC Logics Purchase options: 395.- Swiss Francs
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Rollinghoff
Description: This CD-ROM contains over 20 projects authored with PhotoProject Author, organized by a group of teachers in Lausanne, Switzerland. Projects include such topics as hobbies, travel, and sports, with texts contributed by students. The projects have been thoroughly corrected to provide readers with mistake-free texts. Each of the projects includes listening comprehension (15-20 minute recordings) by native speakers, reading comprehension, and vocabulary building. Users have a simple database to help them choose by subject, level, or theme. More detailed information and sample projects for download are available at http://www.unil.ch/cdl/Logiciels/PhotoProjectE.html

Kids Time Deluxe
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Great Wave Software See also Learning Lab Software, Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: Helps children develop early learning skills through computer generated speech, graphics, and writing.

Language Experience Recorder
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Teacher Support Software See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy
Info from: STDOT
Description: A specialized word processing program with speech capability. Students can hear whatever they've written read back to them. Includes features for readability and writing analysis. This program was designed for teachers using the Language Experience Approach to reading. Needs a sound card on the IBM.

Language Now: *English for Spanish Speakers*
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Transparent Language See also Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $140 Purchase options: $30 special offer sometimes
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey
Description: Reading-based language study, with windows that open up to offer vocabulary, grammar, and usage help on the word, sentence, or text level in Spanish. The latest edition, on CD-ROM, includes video clips, a talking dictionary, extensive grammar reference, vocabulary games, and pronunciation help that offers voice recording with (modestly helpful) waveforms. Especially good for those who have some English and want to maintain a reading knowledge of the language. The publisher now offers an Educator's Edition with classroom management tools. (DH)

Last Chance to See
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Voyager Company
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton
Description: Over a dozen years ago, Douglas Adams wrote a book about the world being demolished. Adams traveled around the world, visiting endangered species. This two CD-ROM set is the detailed record of Adams' trek with pictures and narration by Adams.

Learn English with Asterix and Son
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: EuroTalk See also EduCorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $45
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: ESL Loc
Description: CD-ROM based programs that use sound, graphics, and text starring the comic book characters of Asterix the Gaul and his son. Students can monitor their progress with an animated quiz. Voice recording. Several different stories are available.

Let's Go Read: An Island Adventure

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: school version avail.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K - 1
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: Reading skills in an adventure format. Hybrid Win/Mac CD-ROM or on disks by platform. Designed for native speakers. The CALL Interest Section had some problems with installing the CD-ROM at TESOL- not enough system resources.

Life Science, Earth Science, Physical Science

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Scholastic Software
Approximate single-unit price: $200 Purchase options: series by grade level, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: Gray, A. Bishop
Description: Science programs that help children to build their own understanding of basic ideas in life, earth, and physical sciences. Many separate titles for $30 each or packaged by grade level (grades 3-6) for $200.

MacReader

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Magoto, STDOT, Beller-Kenner
Description: See NewReader.

Magic Letter Factory

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab (5): $100, (10): $180
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K - 1
Special use: Literacy
Description: Animated letters and sounds for literacy, with sing along songs. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Martin Luther King Videodisc

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Glencoe McGraw-Hill
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Healey, STDOT
Description: This offers historical footage from ABC News as well as still photos and text about the life of Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement. Clips of young adults talking about the effect of the Movement on their lives today are also included. The program consists of a double-sided videodisc controlled by a HyperCard stack. There are extensive options for viewing, including with accompanying text, in Spanish or English, or in clips to copy to a videotape. Because the options are numerous, students will probably need an introduction to the program by a teacher. For best language learning results, the teacher should give students information gathering or information transfer tasks to perform.

The strength of the program is in the large quantity of information provided in a hypertext format that allows movement among ideas.

Math and Reading Bonus Pack

Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K -2
Description: Reading, math, and language skills for young learners (pre-K to 2). Designed for native speakers.

Math for Everyday Living

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $130 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Special use: VESL
Description: Topics include paying for a meal, sales slips, unit pricing, saving on transportation, sales tax, finding a job, overtime, piecework/commission work, and finding net pay. On disk or CD-ROM.

MathKeys

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab pack, site license, district license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: Bishop
Description: Contains the following content areas: Whole numbers, probability, geometry, measurement, fractions & decimals. Also available in Spanish. Titles sold separately.

Mega Munchers

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton, N.Johnson
Description: Three CD-ROM set, with Math Munchers, Word Munchers, and Knowledge Munchers (formerly Trivia Munchers Deluxe). Arcade-style games. Word Munchers drills the variant spelling of vowel sounds. Students are presented with a model (/i/ as in fish), they then move around a grid selecting all of the other words that have the same vowel sound while trying to avoid little monsters that randomly move through the grid. The program can be set so that students will only work on a limited set of vowel sounds. There is no instructional phase to the program, so teachers will want to either preteach the common patterns and exceptions or encourage their students to be persistent discovery learners. Knowledge Munchers is a trivia-style game in arcade form. Math Munchers works on math skills. MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

Millie's Math House

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Edmark Corporation See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: school version avail.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-3
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: CD-ROM with interactive math activities. A Spanish version is also available.

Mindstorm TOEIC

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Mindstorm
Approximate single-unit price: $75
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Info from: Chorus, ESL Linc
Description: This CD-ROM prepares students for the TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication), a test taken mostly in Japan by students who want to study in the US. The CD contains not only practice with the multiple-choice test but also test-taking hints, listening practice with famous speeches, and a multimedia game called Maze where learners have to answer grammar and vocabulary questions to escape. Help sections are in Japanese. Reviewer Brian Rhodes (http://www.chorus.cycor.ca/Duber/toeic.html) comments that the program suffers from poor audio and a lack of feedback on individual test items, but that the practice should be useful for those interested in the TOEIC.

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A warm and sensitive story exploring children's feelings about moving. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Mud Puddle

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A charming story about a little girl that is always attacked by a mud puddle, and how she responds. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

My Words

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: CD (4:6/1988), N.Johnson
Description: Word-processor with speech capability (uses a speech synthesizer). Words are spoken as they appear on the screen. The computer stores a list of each users words in a 'word bank.' Students can see or hear the words in the word bank in a window of the screen while doing additional word processing. Useful for Language Experience Approach activities. DOS version is on disks, while the Mac version is on CD-ROM.

National Geographic Society Wonders of Learning CD-ROMs

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: National Geographic Society Educational Services See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $80
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: This presents 36 books on eight CD-ROMs. Narrators read the stories, accompanied by background music and sound effects. Color photographs, word and syllable pronunciations in English and Spanish, and interactive picture buttons let students explore and learn. The features can be customized by teachers.
The stories are Exploring the Solar System and Beyond, Animals and How They Grow, Our Earth, People Behind the Holidays, Seasons, The Human Body, A World of Plants, and A World of Animals.

NewReader

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Hyperbole Software See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Healey, Magoto; CJ 6:4 1995/96
Description: This program from John McVicker takes any plain text (ASCII) file and uses it for timed and paced readings with an online glossary, nth word and grammatically-focused clozes, sentence and paragraph jumbles, and vocabulary practice such as clozes where all vowels or consonants are deleted or learners see only half the word. Another feature is that the program tracks what the learner did in the 'Notes,' which can be printed out before the learner quits the program. It is very helpful to see the strategies learners use when doing the cloze. The notes also record which words were looked up during the reading, the definition from the glossary, and whatever the learner typed to help him or her remember the word. The readings that come with NewReader are relatively advanced. Because it is easy to add text to this program--anything you have done in your word-processor and saved as plain text can be dropped in the NewReader folder for immediate use--it can be for any level. For the money, it's tough to beat, and the program is regularly updated.

Nicolai's series

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning For: Pre-K-2
Special use: elementary
Description: A number of separate titles with Nikolai as the central character. Titles include Nikolai's Treats and Nikolai in Outer Space for ages 6+, and Nicolai's Pirates, Toys, Nights, Pharaohs, and Mysteries for ages 4+.

Nikolai's Trains

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $15 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: pre-K - 4
Special use: bilingual (Fr., Sp., Mandarin, Ger., Jap., Port.); science
Description: An interactive adventure with earth science content and a lot of information about how trains work. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Northern Lights: The Soccer Trail

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Description: Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families dealing with tragedy. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio 'labels' to enhance student understanding. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Once Upon a Time... Volumes I, II, III, and IV

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Beginning For: Grades 1-6
Description: Story-telling and creation. Designed for native speakers.

Passion for Art, A

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Designed for native speakers. Post-impressionist paintings with timelines and museum information. CD-ROM.

Paul Cézanne: Portrait of My World

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Explore information about Paul Cézanne and the era he lived in. Multimedia CD-ROM.

Perfect Copy Biology

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Logicus
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: Science
Info from: Jabaji; ESL Linc
Description: This self-paced program to help students improve English usage in scientific writing contains 200 brief articles on biological subjects and more than 230 rules of grammar and usage. Students read the articles and correct the errors, with clues and related rules available to help in error correction. A record-keeping function tracks learner performance.

Playroom, The

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: Wivell

Description: Early Learning software on CD-ROM. Activities teach reading and math readiness, basic keyboarding. Has speech and is compatible with TouchWindow. This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick.

Postcards

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Curriculum Associates
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Students select from Mexico, Ghana, Japan, and Turkey as a country of interest, then choose a writing project: narrative, persuasive, compare/contrast, or descriptive. They can view three different multimedia tours of each country to look at the culture, history, and geography. Students take notes in a travel log. The program offers a 'Mail Room' where students write postcards, first in a structured format, then without prompts. Teachers can add more writing assignments. The program includes help in finding keypals on the Internet and a list of websites for online research. CD-ROM. The publisher offers a free demo.

Primary Steps to Comprehension

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $200
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: elementary, bilingual (8 languages)
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is an interactive reading program with 36 original stories written at 6 different reading levels. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program include a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. Multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Promise is a Promise, A

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families working together to solve problems. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio 'labels' to enhance student understanding. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

R.E.A.D. - Corel

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Reading skills for native speakers on CD-ROM.

Reader Rabbit 3

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services

Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 2-4
Special use: elementary
Description: Students complete stories by writing their own phrases or choosing from prewritten selections. A newspaper can be a class project. Available on Mac and Windows disks or a Mac/Win CD-ROM.

Reader Rabbit Reading 1

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-2
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: STTDOT
Description: This program is designed to make learning to recognize letters and words fun for younger children. It uses brightly-colored graphics with smiling animals to motivate sound-symbol practice. Several different types of exercises are included, mostly phonics-related. Students can choose which type of activity to do; a record-keeping function is included so that the teacher can see what the learner worked on and how s/he did. CD-ROM.

Reader Rabbit's Interactive Reading Journey 2

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: K-2
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Bishop
Description: Thirty stories; games that promote phonics, word recognition and comprehension. On CD-ROM.

Reading Blaster series

Machine: Mac/ Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: For: pre-K-6
Special use: literacy, elementary
Description: The Reading Blaster series has three programs: Ages 4-6, Ages 6-9, and Ages 9-12. Multimedia drills and games build reading skills. CD-ROM. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Reading in the Workplace

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $300 Purchase options: complete set for $1700; lab, network
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Special use: VESL
Description: Reading skills work in an employment context. Six work areas (sold separately or as a complete set): construction, health care, clerical, automotive, electronics, and food services. Each program offers three progressive levels of reading difficulty. Available on disk or CD-ROM.

Reading Magic Library

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network, site; five-title pack
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-3

Special use: Elementary
Description: Interactive storybooks of the 'create your own adventure' type let students step into the shoes of lovable heroes, choosing what will happen next. Students can record themselves reading or create QuickTime movies of their stories. Stories include Jack in the Beanstalk, Hansel and Gretel, Flodd the Bad Guy, Fidd and Martina in Tough Kudd, and Hilary and the Beast. They can be purchased individually or as a five-title pack.

Reading Rodeo
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $60   Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: pre-K-1
Special use: bilingual, literacy, elementary
Description: Literacy skills are the focus, with audio prompts. Icons show how to make letters, and graphics are used for letter associations. The rodeo motif comes in with the Cactus Kid, who lassos 104 cartoon graphics which begin with corresponding letters. The English and ESL version includes 2 sets of disks, 1 in English and 1 in Spanish. This title is included in Heartsoft Bestsellers.

Sitting on the Farm
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest   See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: Children can listen to the story, reading along as the words are highlighted, write their own story, record themselves singing the theme song, and publish their own interpretations of the story. Material is in French, Spanish, or English. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

SoftRead
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Softec
Approximate single-unit price: $100   Purchase options: Player only $50; lab pack, volume
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: Any
Description: Two components: author and player. Author lets you add text and link graphics, audio, and QuickTime video to create dictionaries, gloss vocabulary items, create quiz items, writing exercises, word webs, and crossword puzzles. One free copy of Player comes with each copy of Author. Additional copies of Player must be purchased separately. Player lets the student view the items created, including multimedia links. It adds timed and paced reading; flash cards for vocabulary items; a game for word recognition, spelling, and definitions; letter and word recognition with a typing drill; a hidden words game, and jumbled words, sentences, and paragraphs. The program requires System 7 or higher and 20MB of free hard drive space.

Speed Reader
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Description: See Ultimate Speed Reader.

STAR Reading
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Advantage Learning Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: All
Info from: Publisher

Description: Computer-adaptive reading test designed to assess the reading level of any student with at least a 100-word vocabulary.

Steps to Comprehension

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $285
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is an interactive reading program with 90 original stories written at 11 different reading levels. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program include a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. Multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Stickybear's Reading Room

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Optimum Resource   See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60   Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: Teaches pre-reading and basic reading skills in both English and Spanish. Exercises include match the word, find the word, and build a sentence. Activities use colorful animation and digitized speech.

Storyboard

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software   See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Approximate single-unit price: $100   Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All
Info from: Hurst, Levy; STDOT; ESL Linc
Description: Whole-text deletion program. Can import text from other programs. One of the very rare programs for which preparation time (by the teacher) is much shorter than the time required by the learner to finish the activity. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0 (IBM). Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries.

TextMangler 1.2

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Dickman, Michael
Approximate single-unit price: $10
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All
Info from: S. Williams
Description: TextMangler imports any text file and 'mangles' it - it leaves the first and last sentences alone, but jumbles the rest. For example, if you have two sentences with 'and' it will switch the second halves of those sentences around. After the students have read a text, the teacher can give them a mangled version of it and ask them to use the mangled version to help them reconstruct the text. The students are thereby provided with all the vocabulary and sentence structures that they need, but they need to have understood the text,to be able to use the mangled version to help them reconstruct it. It does not work well with very short texts, or texts where there is a very wide range of vocabulary —it needs a certain amount of repetition to work well.

Thematic Applications: American Pluralism

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab (5): $300, (10): $550
Level: Advanced For: All but K-2
Description: Readings with accompanying activities. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Thinking Things Collection 1

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: lab, school version
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K -6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Info from: Wivell, justice
Description: Thinking Thinks develops problem solving skills for small children t but is also quite useful all the way to adults for oral language development in discussing attributes: color; striped; polka-dotted; plain; curly hair; glasses. Visit the Fripple Shop and Feathered Friends, especially.

Thomas' Snowsuit

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. An interactive story with listening suppport in either English or Spanish. Tells the story of the many ways adults try to get Thomas to wear his snow suit. The reading of each sentence can be slowed to make it more accessible for) ESL students. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Thumbnail Theater: Macbeth

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Timelines, maps of England, video clips, other supporting information as well as a 9-minute animated synopsis of Macbeth. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Thumbnail Theater: Treasure Island

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Life of Robert Lewis Stevenson, analysis of the characters, stories of famous pirates, and other supporting material. Includes an animated synopsis of Treasure Island. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

TOEFL Mentor

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Encomium Publications See also Wida, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Special use: TOEFL

Info from: Beller-Kenner, Sachs
Description: TOEFL Mentor is a HyperCard-like program that runs off a CD-ROM and includes tutorials, practice tests and timed tests for all sections of the TOEFL test: Structure and Grammar, Listening Comprehension, and Reading Comprehension. In addition, test taking strategies and tips are available for both the TOEFL and the Test of Written English. We've had positive response from students and faculty who have used it, and have had some success in using it in a workshop environment where more traditional materials (books and tapes) are also available for students to use. (Sachs) Encomium will update TOEFL Mentor to reflect future changes in the content/format of the TOEFL test by ETS. Demos are available for downloading from the Encomium Publications web page at http://www.encomium.com. See Tom Robb's review of the program at http://www.kyoto-su.ac.jp/people/teachers/robb/mentor/mc2.html

Tommy the Time Turtle
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3
Special use: literacy, elementary, bilingual
Description: Practice in telling time. ESL version includes a set of disks in Spanish, where vocal instructions and all text are in Spanish, as well as a set of disks in English. This is also sold as part of the Heartsoft Bestseller package.

Tortoise and the Hare
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive. If this program is used on an IBM or compatible, it requires an MPC-compliant machine.

Treehouse, The
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Pre-K-6
Special use: elementary
Info from: Wivell
Description: This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick. Includes seven educational games. Students explore the on-screen hideaway, learning about music, animals, mathematics, sentence structure, money & place value. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Trudy's Time and Place House
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: school version avail.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K - 3
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: Time and geography instruction. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Ultimate Speed Reader

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Bradin, Healey; STDOT, Beller-Kenner
Description: An updated version of Davidson's Speed Reader with six activities, including a game mode, and a management systems that tracks student progress. This reading skills program includes letter and word recognition, eye movement and column reading exercises, as well as various readings. Texts can be added by using the authoring component (not simply by using a word-processed file). No single-user version is available. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Urban Reader

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $230
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual (8 languages)
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is an interactive reading program with 48 original stories written at 11 different reading levels. Story topics include: The Olympic Games, Alcohol and Driving, Street Games, and more. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program include a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. Multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

VersaText Reading Development Program

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Novasoft/ICD Corp. See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Bradin; STDOT; Sellers, Beller-Kenner
Description: These are computer-based reading lessons. Texts come with explanatory notes connected to parts of the text, timed and paced reading exercises, true/false and fill in the blank comprehension questions. Lesson topics available include lifestyles, newspaper articles, fables and short stories.

Vital Signs: The Good Health Resource

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Texas Caviar See also EduCorp, Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $70
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Description: Students learn about health problems, important ways to reduce health risks, how to record and track personal health information and organizations that are valuable sources of further information. The health database is completely bilingual in Spanish and English and includes toll-free numbers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Volcanoes: Life on the Edge

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-4

Special use: science
Description: Multimedia information about volcanoes. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM

Word Stuff: Amazing English

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman
Approximate single-unit price: $85
Level: Intermediate For: 4-8
Info from: Publisher
Description: Part of the Amazing English series, the CD-ROM teaches reading skills appropriate to novels plus some essay writing. Hard-bound teacher's manual. Separate CDs for pre-K-3 (Word Stuff = $85), 3-6 (Word Attack = $90).

WorldWalker Destination: Australia

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Soleil Software See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Intermediate For: 2-12
Special use: bilingual (Sp., Fr.)
Info from: Bishop
Description: CD-ROM-based vocabulary study integrated into a problem-solving approach with an Australian theme. Includes some map reading activities. Designed for native speakers. A demo can be downloaded from http://www.soleil.com/. The price is for a teacher's edition.

Zargon Zoo

Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Heinemann ELT See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: An interactive adventure that requires only a low level of English and that is suitable for teenagers and young adults.

REFERENCE

Animals, The

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Mindscape
Approximate single-unit price: $70
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Moore
Description: This is a CD-ROM multimedia tour of San Diego Zoo. It includes 80 video clips (small-2x 3 inches on screen), pictures and information about 200 animals, information about the areas they live in, and a section on endangered animals. We plan to use it as an information source for intermediate academic students. It seems to have been created for primary to secondary school students, but has been popular with adult EFL students. The menu page is a picture of the zoo from above, and you just click on the area you're interested in or choose an animal from a list. (Moore) Version 2 includes the A to Z Gallery, with an animal for each letter of the alphabet.

Articulation Practice

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Computers for Education See also CELIA, TESOL/CELIA
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: site license
Level: Teacher
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Exploration and game practice of articulatory phonetics. Location of articulatory organs, demonstration of tongue and larynx movement for selected consonants. For teachers studying for CLAD competencies. The color version is distributed by Computers for Education, and a black and white version is available on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

Cinemania

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Microsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Leuschner
Description: This CD-ROM is a interactive database of 19,000+ movie titles. It includes QuickTime clips from actual films, reviews, cinematographic descriptions, biographies and photographs of actors, summaries of plots, Academy Award lists, and a wealth of other information. All the data is easily searchable in several ways and connected with hypertext links. Of particular utility in language learning are the audio segments of dialog from many films; learners can read the accompanying text, but they cannot listen and read the text at the same time. Intended for use in a content-based course on film for University-level ESL students. Also good for teachers and students who want to add clips to multimedia presentations.

Electric Library

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Infonautics
Approximate single-unit price: $90 Purchase options: yearly subscription
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Any
Description: Web-based full-text online research service at http://www.elibrary.com/education; by subscription. Searches a database of popular magazines, journals, newspapers, reference works, TV and radio transcripts, photos and maps.

First Connections: The Golden Book Encyclopedia

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Pre-K-4
Special use: Elementary
Description: Designed for grades 4-6, this CD-ROM-based reference uses audio and graphics to enhance learner understanding of the text. Students can search by title, medium, or category. It also includes a reference game where students get questions to look up in the encyclopedia. Runs on the Mac (System 7.0.7 or higher, 4MB RAM, 4MB hard drive space) and under Windows 3.1. Lab pack of 5 is $240; lab of 15, $690; site (30), $1320; site (50), $2100.

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Grolier Electronic Publishing See also MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Leuschner, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: A CD-ROM based encyclopedia; updated annually. Starting with 1997 version, it includes direct links from articles to related Internet sites for those with an Internet connection.

Insight: Career Exploration Tool

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Curriculum Associates
Approximate single-unit price: $200 Purchase options: lab
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-9
Description: Career planning software for trade- or college-oriented students or adults.

Longman Dictionary of American English

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Exceller Software See also Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: network: $300
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: L. Johnson, Algren, Magoto; CJ 5:3 1994
Description: LDAE has over 38,000 definitions, which have been especially written for an ESL audience. The program is well designed, the screens are clear and easy to use, and the program can be used inside other applications. Incorporating all the features of the Longman Dictionary, it is also useful as a grammar learning tool--a study notes option let students review or clarify basic grammar and usage concepts. The Macintosh version of LDAE makes use of Apple's PlainTalk Text-to-Speech software.

Longman Interactive American Dictionary

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Catalog, website
Description: This CD-ROM-based multimedia dictionary includes sound, graphic images, and video with text. Has grammar and pronunciation components as searchable indexes as well as built into the dictionary. Since it runs under Windows on the PC, it is possible to have the dictionary and a word-processor open at the same time, but only on computers with a lot of memory. Requires System 7 and a 68040 or better processor on the Macintosh.

Microsoft Bookshelf

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Microsoft See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto; ESL Linc

Description: A CD-ROM based set of reference materials, including on-line versions of The American Heritage Dictionary, Roget's Thesaurus, The World Almanac and Book of Facts, The Concise Columbia Encyclopedia, The Columbia Dictionary of Quotations, The People's Chronology, The Hammond World Atlas, and the National Five-digit Zip Code and Post Office Directory. There are hypertext links between most of the materials, so the student can click on a word in the encyclopedia, and Bookshelf will jump to its dictionary where the student can even hear the word pronounced. Well-designed and very informative, but like most multimedia programs, it really needs an up-to-date Mac or PC.

Microsoft Encarta

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Microsoft See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $70
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Milton, Magoto, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: For students doing English for Academic Purposes, this is the best of the CD-ROM encyclopedias. It covers more topics and in a more sophisticated way than others I'm familiar with. Its interface isn't quite as good as Compton's, and its multimedia content isn't as extensive as Grolier's but the overall contents, especially the digital videos, are more thoughtfully arranged. (J.Magoto) Updated annually. Current version does not run under Windows 3.1.

New Oxford Picture Dictionary

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK See also Wida
Approximate single-user price: £35
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Chinese versions), literacy
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM version of the classic dictionary for beginners. Also available: English-Spanish and English-Chinese versions.

Space Adventure

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Milton
Description: Requires CD-ROM drive. A program designed around space exploration, with photographs, illustrations, digital sound, and full-motion video.

Street Atlas USA

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: DeLorme Mapping See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $55
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Leuschner
Description: Requires CD-ROM drive. You can look at the US using various zooms, down to street level.

Time Multimedia Almanac

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto, Leuschner, Beller-Kenner

Description: On CD-ROM. A compendium of articles, pictures, and movies for the past ten years, as well as other significant periods in U.S. history. The program has an excellent interface and provides many ways to search its rich contents. Advanced students enjoy how easy it is to find and access authentic sources.

Word Action

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp., Fr.)
Description: CD-ROM multimedia dictionary with video, graphics, sound. 700 words can be accessed alphabetically by language or through the eight categories. Includes four games. Mac and Windows CD-ROMs sold separately.

WordAce! Talking Translation Dictionary

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Fr, Sp, It, Ger)
Description: The learner types in a word and gets translations, verb forms, and conjugations in Spanish, French, German, Italian, and English. Pronunciation of 10,000 words. Also includes games and a word history list.

SPEAKING

Dynamic Business English

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $700 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port), business
Info from: Wachman, McKee
Description: Formerly known as Interactive Business English. Presented in a similar format to Dynamic English for ESL, this listening-based business English course on 6 CD-ROMs offers the listening, speaking, reading, and critical thinking skills for the workplace/international business situation. The topics are Company History, Job History, Manufacturing and Trade, Product Comparisons, Overseas Assignment, and Future Consequences. This content-based program begins with a Presentation during which the student answers periodic listening comprehension questions. These questions reinforce the vocabulary, language concepts, and structure, while giving the students repeated opportunities to respond. The feedback includes an automated 'shuffler level" which adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions according to the learner's response. The Question Practice gives the student practice in question formation. Quantitative English, Dictations, the Verb Grid, and Grammar Fill-In test the student's knowledge. The program includes voice recording capability for student practice. Mac and Windows. Individual CDs (one topic each) can be purchased separately.

English by the Numbers

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab and site
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port, It)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: This CD-ROM-based course focuses on the language of numbers and basic mathematics. Useful for students and people in business and technical fields who need to understand or make oral presentations in English, do business over the telephone, participate in question-and-answer sessions involving the exchange of numerical information, and improve listening comprehension. Each unit includes a brief oral presentation followed by practice activities that test listening comprehension. The material is suitable for TOEIC levels 450-750.

Expeditions into English

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Softec
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-3
Description: Expeditions is a CD-ROM based version of the Prentice Hall Regents series by the same name. It includes a variety of notional/functional lessons in 12 units integrating text, sound, and color graphics to let students practice listening comprehension, vocabulary development, and speaking. The recording option lets students compare their voices with the original and participate in conversations in the lessons. Online help is available from anywhere in the program. Requires System 7 or higher and 20MB of free space on the hard drive.

Functioning in Business

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $900 Purchase options: network, lab and site licenses
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE

Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: These four CD-ROMs use QuickTime Video and speech recognition technologies to create an engaging learning environment. The course is designed for intermediate level students preparing to use English in a business context. The primary focus is on practical language functions common in the business world such as requesting, refusing, suggesting, confirming, etc. Vocabulary is developed in the context of meetings, phone calls, a business lunch, negotiations, and a disagreement. Provides about 80-100 hours of intensive self-study and practice. Networkable.

Idiom Demons

Machine: DOS, Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual   See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $100   Purchase options: lab, network, site; 3 sets for $130
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Description: Presents same material as ESL Demons in dialog format. Networkable.

Imagination Express: Destination: Neighborhoods

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $40   Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: All
Info from: justice, Bishop
Description: Excellent software for making interactive storybooks. For ESL purposes, it is even better if projected onto a large screen for whole class oral language activities. Choose from a variety of scenes: school, home, playground, mall, etc. Place people and objects into this setting. These 'smart stickers' can be positioned inside, beside, behind, in front of, etc. and change their size according to where they are placed on the screen. Narration can be added.
Other CD's in the series: Castle; Rain Forest; Ocean; Pyramids; &, Time Trip, USA (With Destination: Ocean, an animation feature was added.) For ESL, Neighborhoods and Oceans are probably most helpful. Sheltered English classes might be able to use others depending on subject.

Karaoke Jukebox

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Geoff Taylor   Purchase options: Freeware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: All
Info from: Healey
Description: This freeware HyperCard stack plays QuickTime Karaoke files. Classroom management is interesting if you have several people trying to sing along with different songs simultaneously, so it works best with a class-sized speaker and projection panel to keep the group together. It's easiest for all but the most advanced students to look at the lyrics ahead of time. Files can be added by pasting or typing in the names of additional songs (also available on Geoff Taylor's website). Seven sample karaoke songs are included with the downloadable file. Requires HyperCard 2/2.1 or HyperCard player, QuickTime 2.5 system extension. The 120K stack can be downloaded from http://users.netmatters.co.uk/gjtaylor/se-kar-qt-songs-jbox.html (DH)

Sitting on the Farm

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest   See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

Description: Children can listen to the story, reading along as the words are highlighted, write their own story, record themselves singing the theme song, and publish their own interpretations of the story. Material is in French, Spanish, or English. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

Small Talk 1 & 2

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Libra Multimedia See also Wida, Educorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $135 Purchase options: Each CD for $50
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM practice in conversational English (British English) related to travel, social contacts, and work. Variety of listening and speaking exercises including voice recording. CD #1 focuses on home, family, health, and spare time; #2, on transportation, holidays, weather, hotels, restaurants, and going out; #3, on work, companies, business and the economy, social trends, and national differences.

Telephone Talk 1&2

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Libra Multimedia See also Wida, Educorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $90
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton; ESL Linc
Description: Requires CD-ROM drive. British English. Almost 100 dialogues for listening and speaking practice, with color photos and exercises to improve understanding. Learners can choose to see the text on screen as they listen to the dialogue. They can also record themselves to compare to the model. Functions addressed include getting through on the phone, understanding names and numbers, dealing with offers and invitations, making appointments, ordering things, and making complaints.

VOCABULARY

All Clear! Idioms in Context

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto; CJ 4:4 1993/94, Beller-Kenner
Description: A HyperCard program (4 disks worth) which supplements an idioms book by the same name. The program contains spoken versions of the dialogs in the book with a variety of discrete listening and vocabulary exercises accompanying each. The program is easy to use and generates a lot of enthusiasm for a sometimes neglected area of oral skills. A color version now exists. A sample disk is available from the publisher.

Alphabet Academy

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Geoff Taylor
Approximate single-unit price: $8 Purchase options: Shareware
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Description: HyperCard-based exercises and tests to teach the sounds of the English alphabet (choice of US or UK versions) to teenagers and adults. The program uses black and white graphics, recorded sounds, and speech animation. $8 shareware. The program can be downloaded from http://users.netmatters.co.uk/gjtaylor/se-pronunciation.html

At the Zoo

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary, literacy
Info from: Healey; CJ 3:4 1992
Description: The opening screen is a zoo map that learners click on to navigate to different areas, such as the lions, birds, monkeys, seals, etc. Learners click on animals and other items in each scene to hear the word spoken with digitized sound and see the name of the item. Good for beginning level of proficiency. The Spanish version offers translations into Spanish in the online dictionary. A testing module lets students hear the word, then click on the corresponding item.

Billiards 'N Homonyms

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-8
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Website
Description: Students see a sentence to complete at the top of the screen, and try to shoot a billiard ball at the pocket near the appropriate homonym. Correct choices make it into the pocket. The word lists can be customized. The English and ESL version includes two sets of disks, one in English and one in Spanish. In the Spanish version, vocal instructions are in Spanish and text is in English. Part of the Heartsoft Bestseller collection.

BodyBuilder

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software Purchase options: site
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: All

Info from: justice
Description: The Tutorial section teaches the parts of the body and face. Students can then use Build-a-Face and Build-a-Body to choose the characteristics of either a body or face by answering basic, either-or questions, which are both spoken and written. After all the questions are answered, the BodyBuilder assembles the face or body, saying all the words as it proceeds. An online glossary is also available.

CALL for English Library Disks

Machine: Win, Mac, DOS
Publisher: Wida See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: TOEFL
Description: Eurocentres teachers have used Wida's authoring programs and created ready-to-go library disks for almost all levels, elementary to advanced, concentrating on vocabulary, grammar practice, etc., but also exam practice including TOEFL. There are 35 disks in all. 27 of the titles are available in Macintosh format (contact the publisher for details). Windows version due out in February 1999; that will be called the Eurocentres CALL Library for English. These packages are now sold by Wida.

Coin Changer

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual
Description: Practice for beginners in recognizing the value of (US) coins and bills. The ESL version includes a set of disks in Spanish as well as in English. This program is also sold as part of the Heartsoft Bestseller package.

Core Reading and Vocabulary Development

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $675 Purchase options: lab (5):$1350, (10):2025; network: $2700
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-6, Adult
Special use: Elementary
Info from: N.Johnson; ESL Linc
Description: This program is a comprehensive approach to reading and language development. In the first phase, students see and say each word. In the Mac version students can hear each word pronounced. They can also record their pronunciation and compare it to the model. This digitized speech option in DOS computers requires an Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy sound chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster. The second phase is a reading of the lesson text, 2-3 sentences per screen. The same text is then presented in a timed reading exercise, one phrase at a time. The reading speed can be set from 25 WPM to 250 WPM.
Next the student completes a fill-in exercise using a word list at the bottom of the screen. Students are then presented with comprehension questions. These are in a Yes/no format. Students can refer back to the text to find the answer, and on an incorrect response the computer highlights the sentence where the answer should have been found.
Writing practice is conducted with the students' completing each word of a sentence from the text, where the first letter of each word is given. In a variation of the word completion exercise, students watch a target word move across the screen, when the word reaches the center of the screen it stops and part of the word disappears. The students type the missing letters. In one more word level exercise the students choose the correct spelling of a word from two distractors.

The TESOL/CELIA CD has a demo of this program. Mac version includes audio output of program directions in either English or Spanish.

Crossword Creator
Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies See also MacConnection, MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT
Description: Crossword puzzle maker. Includes a thesaurus to help in generating clues. This package received several recommendations and was praised for being easy to use, though it helps to read the documentation in order to take advantage of all the features. Puzzles can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor.

Crossword Magic
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Mindscape See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: CD-ROM version of one of the original crossword puzzle generators. Has multilingual capability. Crosswords can be played on screen or printed out.

DressMe
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-8
Special use: elementary
Info from: justice
Description: This simple ESL program developed by teachers focuses on clothing and accessory vocabulary. Students dress male and female characters through commands they give. Students see graphics and vocabulary words, and use both in activities. The program includes an online speaking glossary. Multiple program site licences available.

Dynamic Classics
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: 4 titles for $200; lab, site available
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Jap)
Description: Dramatized retellings of Round the World in 80 days, A Christmas Carol, Alice in Wonderland, and Robin Hood on interactive CD-ROM supported by dictations, fill-ins, character matrix, and on-line comprehension aids. For listening, reading, and vocabulary development Voice recording. 4 titles for $200; lab, site license available.

English Speaking Dictionary
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Adult Success Center
See also CELIA Purchase options: send disks and postage
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy
Info from: Healey
Description: A HyperCard-based application for ESL and Adult Basic Education with text, graphics and sound created by the Adult Success Center at Idaho State University. Learners click on an item to hear it said and see the word. The disks cover topics such as science, mammals,

birds, and workplace terms. These disks run as a set from a common menu. This is a dictionary; as such, it does not come with additional activities beyond looking and listening. Send them 10 disks and postage and they'll copy this and send it back to you.

English Vocabulary: Home; Shopping; School and Work; Going Places; Comparison; Location

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Courseware Publishing International
See also Harcourt-Brace, Athelstan, Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $200 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: N.Johnson; ESL Linc
Description: A talking head introduces the concept, e.g., opposites. The student can see the text of the explanation while hearing it again if that is needed or desired. Students expand and confirm their understanding by choosing pictures to hear more opposites, e.g., happy/sad, fat/thin, or other vocabulary depending on the topic. The lesson then moves on to explain the use and forms of comparatives in the case of the opposites disk. The final activity places the vocabulary in real world contexts. Useful for false beginners or intermediate level students as a review of vocabulary forms and usage. Requires CD-ROM drive. Master site license for all CPI titles is available. Special student price of $90 for a set of six CDs at schools with a Master site license.

Expeditions into English

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Softec
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-3
Description: Expeditions is a CD-ROM based version of the Prentice Hall Regents series by the same name. It includes a variety of notional/functional lessons in 12 units integrating text, sound, and color graphics to let students practice listening comprehension, vocabulary development, and speaking. The recording option lets students compare their voices with the original and participate in conversations in the lessons. Online help is available from anywhere in the program.
Requires System 7 or higher and 20MB of free space on the hard drive.

Firsthand Access

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: DynEd International See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $150
Level: Beginning For: 6-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Kor)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: This beginning-level course, based on Longman Group's English Firsthand series, is designed for learners is grades 6-12 and provides about 40 hours of interactive study on CD-ROM. It uses audio and graphics to enhance listening activities. Activities include repetition, comprehension questions, gap-filling exercises, matching words to objects, sentence construction, and voice recording. Sentence structures are presented in the context of everyday conversational functions.

Gessler QKids Enrichment Kit

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary, literacy

Description: Three components, also sold separately: QPictionary, using a talking ABC board to build vocabulary and alphabet knowledge; QRead, with six video and audio stories; and QDo, with seven games for word identification through reading or listening. Each component is $40. CD-ROM.

HotelRitz
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Description: This program uses animation, sound, and graphics. Students learn the vocabulary with various exercises, then run the hotel. They need respond to requests from guests and send the appropriate person: room service, housekeeping, maintenance, or the bellhop.

House, The
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, literacy
Info from: Healey; CJ 3:4 1992
Description: The opening screen is a house that learners click on to go to different rooms, such as the kitchen, living room, etc. Learners click on items in each scene to hear the word spoken with digitized sound and see the name of the item. Good for beginning level of proficiency. The Spanish version offers translations into Spanish in the online dictionary. A testing module lets students hear the word, then click on the corresponding item.

HouseKey
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: All
Description: Graphics, text, and sound are used in exercises and tests to help students learn the rooms of the house, furnishings for each room, and six prepositions of location. The HouseKey Activity requires the student to use the vocabulary to find five keys hidden in a house. Finding a key in one room allows access to the next. The program offers help with verb choice, prepositions, and spelling, and includes a glossary with sound.

Kaplan GRE, GMAT, LSAT
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Kaplan
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-9
Description: Preparation for GRE, GMAT, LSAT tests. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Kaplan SAT, PSAT, ACT
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Kaplan
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-8
Description: Preparation for SAT, PSAT, and ACT tests. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Karaoke Jukebox
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Geoff Taylor Purchase options: Freeware

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Healey
Description: This freeware HyperCard stack plays QuickTime Karaoke files. Classroom management is interesting if you have several people trying to sing along with different songs simultaneously, so it works best with a class-sized speaker and projection panel to keep the group together. It's easiest for all but the most advanced students to look at the lyrics ahead of time. Files can be added by pasting or typing in the names of additional songs (also available on Geoff Taylor's website). Seven sample karaoke songs are included with the downloadable file. Requires HyperCard 2/2.1 or HyperCard player, QuickTime 2.5 system extension. The 120K stack can be downloaded from http://users.netmatters.co.uk/gjtaylor/se-kar-qt-songs-jbox.html (DH)

Keyholes on the World
Machine: Mac
Publisher: LCC Logics Purchase options: 395.- Swiss Francs
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Rollinghoff
Description: This CD-ROM contains over 20 projects authored with PhotoProject Author, organized by a group of teachers in Lausanne, Switzerland. Projects include such topics as hobbies, travel, and sports, with texts contributed by students. The projects have been thoroughly corrected to provide readers with mistake-free texts. Each of the projects includes listening comprehension (15-20 minute recordings) by native speakers, reading comprehension, and vocabulary building. Users have a simple database to help them choose by subject, level, or theme. More detailed information and sample projects for download are available at http://www.unil.ch/cdl/Logiciels/PhotoProjectE.html

Language Discovery
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: RomTech See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp., Fr., Ger.)
Info from: www.benchin.com
Description: A CD-ROM-based multilingual picture dictionary encompassing 1000 words. Each word is pronounced by a digitized recording of a native speaker, a picture of the word is shown, and it is used in context in an everyday situation. Includes English, French, German, and Spanish on one CD-ROM.

MacReader
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT, Beller-Kenner
Description: See NewReader.

MacReader Puzzles
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network, site, lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Magoto, Beller-Kenner
Description: A collection of word puzzle games, mostly on the text reconstruction order. The games include word camouflage (words or pieces of words are blanked out and must be reconstructed), sentence scramble, half a word (half of each word is blanked out), missing

vowels/missing consonants, and others. Teachers can easily add their own material by using any word-processed document that has been saved as plain text.

Matchmaster

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, teacher
Info from: Levy, Taylor, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: Authoring program for matching exercises. Students have three different 'games' they can play; all are designed to be played either against the computer or another student (the latter works better for language development). The speed is variable, with the fastest speeds a challenge even for native speakers. The program comes with several suggestions for items to pair, including vocabulary words and definitions, synonyms and antonyms, and even lines in a dialogue. Version 2.0 for IBM. 'Convert' facility automatically converts data files to Version 2. Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Mega Munchers

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton, N.Johnson
Description: Three CD-ROM set, with Math Munchers, Word Munchers, and Knowledge Munchers (formerly Trivia Munchers Deluxe). Arcade-style games. Word Munchers drills the variant spelling of vowel sounds. Students are presented with a model (/i/ as in fish), they then move around a grid selecting all of the other words that have the same vowel sound while trying to avoid little monsters that randomly move through the grid. The program can be set so that students will only work on a limited set of vowel sounds. There is no instructional phase to the program, so teachers will want to either preteach the common patterns and exceptions or encourage their students to be persistent discovery learners. Knowledge Munchers is a trivia-style game in arcade form. Math Munchers works on math skills. MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

Multimedia Flash Cards

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: EuroTalk See also Delta Systems, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning For: K-9
Special use: elementary
Description: An computer-based flash card system designed to teach English as a second language to children. Features several games for learning the vocabulary and the capability for students to listen to digitally recorded pronunciations of each word and also to record their own voices. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows.

MysteryFamily

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Website
Description: Students work through exercises to learn vocabulary related to the family. Then they try the MysteryFamily Activity, where three members of a family are hidden behind silhouettes. The student must guess their identities by asking them questions and listening to their responses.

For help, students may read a short biographical sketch about each person. The program keeps track of the number of questions asked and includes a special display when all identities are correctly guessed.

New Oxford Picture Dictionary

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: £35
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Chinese versions), literacy
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM version of the classic dictionary for beginners. Also available: English-Spanish and English-Chinese versions.

NewLexis

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Hyperbole Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: site license
Level: Advanced For: 9-12, HE
Info from: Healey
Description: With this program learners work through words from the University Word List, the 2000 most common words in academic English. They can study the word lists, practice, test themselves, and store words they need to work more on into a special review list for focused practice. Runs on Mac 6.0+.

NewReader

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Hyperbole Software See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Healey, Magoto; CJ 6:4 1995/96
Description: This program from John McVicker takes any plain text (ASCII) file and uses it for timed and paced readings with an online glossary, nth word and grammatically-focused clozes, sentence and paragraph jumbles, and vocabulary practice such as clozes where all vowels or consonants are deleted or learners see only half the word. Another feature is that the program tracks what the learner did in the 'Notes,' which can be printed out before the learner quits the program. It is very helpful to see the strategies learners use when doing the cloze. The notes also record which words were looked up during the reading, the definition from the glossary, and whatever the learner typed to help him or her remember the word. The readings that come with NewReader are relatively advanced. Because it is easy to add text to this program--anything you have done in your word-processor and saved as plain text can be dropped in the NewReader folder for immediate use--it can be for any level. For the money, it's tough to beat, and the program is regularly updated.

Once Upon a Time... Volumes I, II, III, and IV

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Beginning For: Grades 1-6
Description: Story-telling and creation. Designed for native speakers.

OrderUp

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site

Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Website
Description: The learner plays the role of a cook in a restaurant, first learning over 60 food and beverage vocabulary words, then filling orders. Working efficiently brings a bonus, with a paycheck at the end of the shift. The program includes digitized sound and an online glossary.

Perfect Copy Biology

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Logicus
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: Science
Info from: Jabaji; ESL Linc
Description: This self-paced program to help students improve English usage in scientific writing contains 200 brief articles on biological subjects and more than 230 rules of grammar and usage. Students read the articles and correct the errors, with clues and related rules available to help in error correction. A record-keeping function tracks learner performance.

PhrazeCrazePlus

Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library See also CELIA
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Krauss, McVicker, N.Johnson; ESL Linc
Description: Vocabulary game, like Wheel of Fortune where students take turns trying to guess the letters that make up a hidden word or phrase. Students or teachers can add phrases and words to the program. Students really enjoy this game and it is most useful when this format is used to memorize troublesome vocabulary. Shareware.

Picture Cue Dictionary

Machine: Mac/Win*
Publisher: Attainment Company See also Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $235
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Vocabulary presentation program organized around four thematic units: shopping, meals, appearances, and home. Display mode presents the target words together with a corresponding picture and digitized pronunciation one by one. In Matching mode the students match the word to the picture--testing what they've learned. Teachers can modify the order and content of lessons for each student. Has IntelliKeys overlays for students with limited manual dexterity. CD-ROM.

Puzzle Power

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab pack $80, site/network license $250
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Description: This CD-ROM includes Crossword Creator, Wordsearch Creator, KrissKross (like Scrabble), Quote Falls, Cryptograms, and Cryptoquizzes. What sets this apart from many others is that graphics, sound, and video clips can be included in the clues. Hundreds of predesigned puzzles, including New York Times puzzles, are on the CD-ROM (though these are not specifically for ESL). Puzzles can be played on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor (sound and video may not transfer, and certainly won't print out). Contains both the Crossword Creator AND Wordsearch Creator.

Race the Clock

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Mindplay See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $70
Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: All but HE
Special use: bilingual
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: Students race against a clock to complete a Concentration type game. Matches can be pictures of activities with corresponding words, picture to picture, or word to word. The program comes with a library of 60 animated pictures of actions to be used in the game. Teachers can also create new matches of word to word such as irregular and present tense verb forms, etc. A demo of this program is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

Reader Rabbit Reading 1

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-2
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: STDOT
Description: This program is designed to make learning to recognize letters and words fun for younger children. It uses brightly-colored graphics with smiling animals to motivate sound-symbol practice. Several different types of exercises are included, mostly phonics-related. Students can choose which type of activity to do; a record-keeping function is included so that the teacher can see what the learner worked on and how s/he did. CD-ROM.

Reader Rabbit's Interactive Reading Journey 2

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: K-2
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Bishop
Description: Thirty stories; games that promote phonics, word recognition and comprehension. On CD-ROM.

Reading Blaster Vocabulary: Ages 9-12

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 3-6
Special use: elementary
Description: Multimedia drill with game elements. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Reading Rodeo

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-1
Special use: bilingual, literacy, elementary
Description: Literacy skills are the focus, with audio prompts. Icons show how to make letters, and graphics are used for letter associations. The rodeo motif comes in with the Cactus Kid, who lassos 104 cartoon graphics which begin with corresponding letters. The English and ESL version

includes 2 sets of disks, 1 in English and 1 in Spanish. This title is included in Heartsoft Bestsellers.

Richmond Electronic Dictionary
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Richmond
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: bilingual
Description: Dictionary that can be accessed from within an program. Also includes model letters. CD-ROM.

Scholastic Network
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Scholastic Software
Approximate single-unit price: $250 Purchase options: $2500 site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-8
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Schoffer, A. Bishop
Description: Internet curriculum service for grades K-8 providing access to teacher plans, discussion groups, on-line chats with authors, thematic guides. Includes an ESL/Spanish department. Articles, books, experts and resources are accessible. Areas include the Math Center and the Writing Center.

SchoolDay
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Description: Learners practice classroom objects, colors, and class subjects, then try the SchoolDay Activity -- guessing whose locker is whose by interviewing six students and looking at the contents of the lockers. Students read and hear the responses of the students.

Scrabble Deluxe
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Virgin Games See also online/mail order
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Requires CD-ROM drive. Computerized version of the famous board game.

Spell It Deluxe
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: grade 1 +
Info from: Healey, N. Johnson
Description: Spell It Deluxe helps students learn basic spelling rules, master the spelling of thousands of commonly misspelled words, practice proofreading, and continually improve those skills. One of its unique feature is the availability of new word lists each month on the Davidson Internet site (www.davd.com), extending the value of the software by providing a fresh supply of spelling challenges.
Upgrade of Spell It Plus. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Spelling Blaster: Ages 6-9
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure

Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-6
Special use: elementary
Description: Multimedia drill with game elements. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Super Solvers Spellbound

Machine: Win, Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: lab, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Description: Includes various activities (including word searches, crosswords, flash card and jumbled words) to practice present lists (arranged by topic) as well as up to 100 lists entered by the teacher. Teachers can also edit all preset lists. After each set of words has been practiced, there is a spelling bee. Words to be spelled are either spoken or flashed on the screen.

Talk Now

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: EuroTalk See also Gessler, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: UK£30
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Vocabulary building game with a record option that compares the learner and native speaker pronunciations. Help is available in more than 40 languages.

TextMangler 1.2

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Dickman, Michael
Approximate single-unit price: $10
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: S. Addis
Description: TextMangler imports any text file and 'mangles' it - it leaves the first and last sentences alone, but jumbles the rest. For example, if you have two sentences with 'and' it will switch the second halves of those sentences around. After the students have read a text, the teacher can give them a mangled version of it and ask them to use the mangled version to help them reconstruct the text. The students are thereby provided with all the vocabulary and sentence structures that they need, but they need to have understood the text to be able to use the mangled version to help them reconstruct it. It does not work well with very short texts, or texts where there is a very wide range of vocabulary; it needs a certain amount of repetition to work well.

TimeTeller

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Website
Description: Learners study vocabulary related to time, then go to work in a tourist information kiosk, answering questions using the time and numbers vocabulary. Various people come up and ask about the arrival and departure of trains and busses, as well as when concerts, exhibitions and other events take place. Learners look up information on screen to find the answer. An online glossary is included.

Tomorrow's Promise Spelling

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning

Approximate single-unit price: $100
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3
Special use: literacy, elementary
Description: CD-ROM-based spelling program for young learners. Full year of instruction on each CD, with 14 activities and 3 games for each of 60 word lists. Learners can create their own stories and create their own storybook with the words. Extensive classroom management.

Treehouse, The

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Pre-K-6
Special use: elementary
Info from: Wivell
Description: This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick. Includes seven educational games. Students explore the on-screen hideaway, learning about music, animals, mathematics, sentence structure, money & place value. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Ultimate Word Attack

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack available.
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Krauss, Healey, Beller-Kenner; STDOT; ESL Linc
Description: An updated version of Davidson's Word Attack including five customizable activities and an audio CD. This native-speaker vocabulary program has over 4000 words and 25 special category word lists with definitions, words in context, follow-up exercises, and an arcade-style game. Authoring must be done within the author component of the program. No single-user version is available. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Vital Signs: The Good Health Resource

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Texas Caviar See also EduCorp, Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $70
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Description: Students learn about health problems, important ways to reduce health risks, how to record and track personal health information and organizations that are valuable sources of further information. The health database is completely bilingual in Spanish and English and includes toll-free numbers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Vocabulary Adventure I

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Seaver
Description: Five different sets of adventure games. Player must answer multiple choice vocabulary questions to enter rooms and collect treasures and points. Difficulty increases as player progresses. Lots of multiple meanings and idiomatic uses make things challenging. An open dictionary and teamwork help a lot. Created for upper elementary level native speakers. Complete series of 10 disks available only in DOS form; Vocabulary Adventure I and II are Mac and DOS.

Word Action
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp., Fr.)
Description: CD-ROM multimedia dictionary with video, graphics, sound. 700 words can be accessed alphabetically by language or through the eight categories. Includes four games. Mac and Windows CD-ROMs sold separately.

Word Attack
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Description: See Ultimate Word Attack.

Word Birds
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K - 3
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Description: Multimedia, thematically-organized vocabulary for native speakers. Very easy to use. Only available outside the US through a Prentice Hall Regents international distributor. CD-ROM.

Word Cross
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz See also Lingo Fun, Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: all
Info from: Algren, Koons, Beller-Kenner
Description: A program that allows you to create crossword puzzles and to make as many different versions of the puzzle as you choose. You can print an answer key as well. Clues can be printed on a separate page from the puzzle.
One user noted that the copy protection scheme is very cumbersome.

Word Demons
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, sit; 3 sets for $130 e
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Native speaker drill and practice with commonly confused and misused words. Each sentence contains up to four choices, one of which may be a word demon, such as a near sound-alike, a commonly misused word, or a word with multiple meanings. In repines to a wrong answer, the program shows the corrected sentence and explains why it is right. A demo can be downloaded from the website.

Word Games with English
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinemann ELT See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: Teaches 1500 words using 40 different interactive games and puzzles.

Word Hound
Machine: Mac/ Win
Publisher: Mindplay See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Students direct a mouse making its way through a maze, avoiding the cat and trying to reach the dog house, where they are asked questions about vocabulary. At the beginning level, learners are asked to match a picture/word combination with one of two below. Learners progress to more difficult matching questions as they work their way through the game. All instructions are spoken. Learners get more points with each correct answer. Learners can listen to instructions in English or Spanish. Available on CD-ROM or disks. A separate Spanish version is also available. A demo version is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

Word Smart

Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Smartek Educational Technology
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: sets, network, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Seaver
Description: 'Discussions' describe each word's synonyms, antonyms and derivations. Audio available in word lists and discussions. Five types of exercises: flashcards, column matching, laser review, and multiple choice involve synonym matching, while sentence completion requires typing in the best word from the set being studied. Sound, graphics, exercise variety, and a high level of user control make this one popular. Created for 4th grade-Ph.D. native speakers, so the lowest 5 levels are most useful for ESL. Requires a CD-ROM drive. Individual volumes are approximately $40 each; sets range from $160-$400, depending on the number of volumes. (Seaver)

Wordsearch Creator

Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Creates three types of word search puzzles: standard wordsearch (target words are hidden in a grid of letters), clues puzzles where students see clues to the hidden words, and fill-in-the-blank puzzles where students see a paragraph with the missing words found in the puzzle. Can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor.

WordStars

Machine: Mac
Publisher: MacMUSE Software
Approximate single-unit price: $7 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Description: Players choose one of four modules, Make Words, Master Words, Mixed Words, Match Words, and accumulate points in any module toward the Hall of Fame. Make Words allows players to create as many small words as possible from a longer word orphrase of up to 30 characters. Long words can be selected from a pre-selected list or entered individually per round. Master Words challenges players to decipher a four-letter word by receiving clues as to what letters are correct and in the right place or correct but in the wrong location in the word, MasterMind-style. Mixed Words scrambles long words or phrases from the same lists as the Make Words. Players have an assignable amount of time to decipher the word and enter it in the appropriate field. Match Words asks players to match words or short phrases to the given clue according to criteria set for each game. The time to find each match is also assignable. Information about up to 100 players can be stored in the Player's List. Students and teachers can easily create word lists for play. Teacher editable parameters are protected by password.

Wordsteps

Machine: Mac
Publisher: SpeakWare
Approximate single-unit price: $15 Purchase options: $25 disk version
Level: Literacy, beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Special use: Literacy
Description: Students see a sentence with a word missing. Above the sentence are 26 squares with a letter of the alphabet in each. The missing word can be either spelled out a letter at a time or the students can hear the whole word spoken. The students click on the letters as they are played or students may choose to spell the word after hearing the entire word played. They may also enter the letters via the keyboard, which also says the letters as they are typed in (optional). Once the word is spelled correctly, it appears in the sentence and the word plays.
There are 81 words grouped into sets like Basic Words, Basic Blends, Two Vowels, Problem Pronouns, Numbers, and so on. For example, Basic Words has three letter phonemic words (and one four letter word) which, as a group, use all the letters of the alphabet. Each grouping has its own printing scorecard. There is also a free typing area for practice.
It is both black and white and color.

WordWise

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Attainment Company
Approximate single-unit price: $200
Level: Beginning For: Adult
Description: Everyday vocabulary. Uses graphics, voice recording, human quality speech, and quiz, presentation and print-out options. Create a word list for each student, save it and add new words anytime. Six programs: People, community, house, outdoor, actions, adjectives with 80 words apiece. Has IntelliKeys overlays for students with limited manual dexterity. CD-ROM or disk-based.

WorldWalker Destination: Australia

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Soleil Software See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Intermediate For: 2-12
Special use: bilingual (Sp., Fr.)
Info from: Bishop
Description: CD-ROM-based vocabulary study integrated into a problem-solving approach with an Australian theme. Includes some map reading activities. Designed for native speakers. A demo can be downloaded from http://www.soleil.com/. The price is for a teacher's edition.

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Art Lesson, The

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab packs from $190-2100
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-4
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Students explore and experience a story based on the original work of author Tomie dePaola. They can read the story, hear it read to them by the author, and explore the text and living illustrations. Integrated art activities let students create with the author. Also includes video clips as they explore Tomie dePaola's studio, hear him tell about his childhood experiences, and learn about his life as an author and illustrator. Requires CD-ROM drive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company.

Aspects

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Group Logic
Approximate single-unit price: $190 Purchase options: lab packs
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Knox-Quinn; CJ 7:1 1996
Description: Collaborative writing software that allows linked users to write or draw simultaneously in a shared area. Up to 32 people can work simultaneously, writing and viewing each other's writing. Aspects was used in Project CONNECT, a research project that helped weak note-takers improve by watching an experienced note-taker at work during classroom lectures.

Basic Skills for the Real World

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Wasatch Education Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $300 Purchase options: network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Adult
Special use: literacy
Description: Designed for adults who need reading and writing skills; uses extensive audio. Eight units, sold separately. Each unit includes a management component. The units are Duc and Linh (lifeskills math and numeracy, inferences, map reading); New Challenges (signs, maps, compare products, make appointments, make inferences); Grace Under Pressure (career search, basic home repairs, interpret charts and graphs, auto purchasing and insurance); Amazing Grace (test-taking strategies, time management, price comparison, budgeting, writing ads and letters); Joe Moves Up (job attitudes, phone skills, using a catalog, customer service, cooking); KC Makes Choices (emergency first aid, drugs and alcohol, gangs, getting a job, dealing with learning disabilities, reading comprehension); Linda's New Start (job handbook, customer service, comparison shopping, using a timecard); and Day by Day (computing mileage, reading a map, comparison shopping, making a budget, time management, fact vs. opinion).

BrainStorm

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Computers for Education
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: This HyperCard stack from Elizabeth Hanson-Smith asks students to freewrite from four different aspects (narrative, description, analysis, comparison) about the teacher's prompt or one of several computer-generated pictures. The student then chooses key words form the freewriting to organize into an idea web. Writing and the idea web may be printed out. The color

version is distributed by Computers for Education, and a black and white version is available on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

Buddy-O-Matic
Machine: Mac
Publisher: CELIA
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: McVicker; STDOT
Description: Helps create the plots for "Buddy" movies. Learners choose from various lists to generate a plot, which they can then flesh out. Requires HyperCard.

Business Letter Works
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Round Lake Publishing
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: discount for online orders
Level: Advanced For: All but K-8
Description: Contains 400 customizable letters, memos, press releases, announcements, proposals and other documents covering a broad range of topics for business. American English, unlike many other business English products.

Classroom Newspaper Workshop
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Healey
Description: Tutorial to teach students how to do a class newspaper. Includes brainstorming, grammar, editing, layout, and reporting skills. Available on CD-ROM or disk; includes teacher's guide, 30 student workbooks, and electronic newspaper templates.

Cloze Encounters in English (ESL)
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Description: A cloze generating program in which students fill in vowels, consonants, or words in a reading passage. A number of short texts are provided and teachers may add passages into the program for students to do.

Coloring Book 3.2
Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Opp-Beckman
Description: Coloring Book, authored by Jim Allison and available through Ravenna, is an entertaining piece of software which incorporates sound, color and basic menus/arrows, including a "help" function. Its simple interface, a page-by-page (template-style) format with constant tool pallettes on the left and bottom portions of the screen, makes it easy for even the most beginning computer users. Most of the pages are useful for simple mouse practice (including coloring book pages, a "lite-brite" game, and a geometric shapes page), with a "surprise" animation lurking in each scene. More complex pages include paste-your-own graphics and, my favorite, tell-your-own-stories (check out the different voices!). A big hit in classes ages 5 through adult. Also available online at Ravenna, http://www.ravenna.com/. (Opp-Beckman)

Common Space

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Sixth Floor Media
Approximate single-unit price: $75 Purchase options: network only
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: Any
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: A collaborative writing program, this requires a network. Students can share work and comment on each other's work easily. Comments can be kept separate from the text. $75 per user for 1-19 users; discounts available for more. A 90-day trial version is available at the website.

Constructing the Paragraph

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Computers for Education
See also TESOL/CELIA, CELIA, CALL-IS Mac Library, Geoff Taylor
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N.Johnson, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: This HyperCard-based tutorial is designed to prepare upper intermediate and advanced ESL students for success in academic writing courses. The focus of the instruction is on identifying topic sentences, understanding the structure of topic sentences, the function of supporting sentences, the use of transition words and phrases, and common paragraph organization patterns in English. The example texts used in the tutorials are short and generally relevant to student interests. New color version available. A black and white version is available through CELIA.

Daedalus Integrated Writing Environment (DIWE)

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Daedalus Group
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: Unit cost $150+/station; site available
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Magoto, Sullivan; ESL Linc
Description: Eight interactive modules (real-time 'chat,' class e-mail, brainstorming tool, guided peer response or critical reading activity, word processor with dictionary and thesaurus, bibliography manager, file server access/management, automatic class assignment feature) that allow for a wide variety of computer mediated interaction: teacher to student, student to student, student to whole class.
Among its many features is that it works in real time, so a class that meets in a lab can hold both large and small group discussion on-line: as a user types a comment, it appears on everyone's screen. Transcripts of all discussions are stored automatically to the server, and can be saved to a disk or printed out for further review. Although some parts of DIWE can be run on individual non-networked computers (primarily the brainstorming, reading, word processing, and bibliography tools), it is most effective when run over a local area network from a file server. The program is not difficult to use, but instructors may find Daedalus training and support helpful in integrating it into an existing curriculum. Unit cost starts at $150 per station; additional customer support options, ESL Teacher Tool, Online Style Handbook, and Foreign Language Tools are also available. Other pricing includes unlimited campus-wide licenses and annual leases.
DaedalusMOO: moo.daedalus.com 7777

Dr. Peet's Talk/Writer

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab (5) $150, site
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Literacy, elementary

Info from: N.Johnson
Description: Talking word processor which 'says' letters and words as they are typed. Includes a large-text word-processor and drill in identifying letters. Helpful for beginning readers, adults, and children. The Mac version works with a Unicorn Board and Adaptive Firmware Card or IntelliKeys. The MS-DOS version requires Digispeech 201A or later.

Great Beginnings

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: Students create stories based on thematic vocabulary provided in the program's 'story starters.' Students can choose graphics to illustrate their own stories and print them.

Hollywood

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Theatrix Interactive See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site, lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: S. Addis
Description: A creative writing CD-ROM, which lets you or your students write, direct, and play your own animated shows with talking characters. You select the scene, you direct the actors, you write the dialogue, you choose the music and special effects. You can screen it in the theater by clicking on the projector. There's even an Idea Machine which provides story starters, plot twists, and dialogue suggestions based on the scene you've chosen and the specific personalities of your characters. Uses computerized voices; sometimes you have to fiddle with spelling to get them to sound right. (SA)

Hollywood High

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Theatrix Interactive See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site, lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 7-adult
Info from: Healey
Description: Like its predecessor Hollywood, Hollywood High has students write and direct an animated show with talking characters. The settings and characters are high school-oriented, so this is more attractive to teens but less useful for adults than Hollywood. Students select the scene and characters, place and move the actors, write the dialogue, and choose the special effects. Because it uses synthesized rather than digitized voices, they can be odd. It's possible to tweak the spelling to improve the pronunciation, but the point of this is the dialogue among the learners creating the show, not the end result itself. This is not recommended as a listening skill builder, but it's a great tool for discussion at the computer. Requires a CD-ROM drive. (DH)

How to Write for Everyday Living

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $160 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Description: Topics include writing skills for resumes, employment forms, business letters, lists, memos, social security applications, bank account applications, and driver's licenses. Some voice instructions. Also offers an Internet link to useful websites. Available on disk or CD-ROM.

HyperStory

Machine: Mac
Publisher: D.C. Heath
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: Hanson-Smith
Description: This program goes with Charles May's collection of short stories, Fiction's Many Worlds. Students read the text in the book, then go to the HyperCard version. At crucial points in the text, they can click on a light bulb to get study questions, food for thought, etc. From there they can open a notebook and write answers. Toward the end of the story, they click open and choose a short writing assignment. For each of the 18 or so stories, they must print out their notes and their short writing assignment for the teacher to read--or e-mail them to him, or hand it over on disk. It gets every student responding to the story, so the class discussions are no longer 'academic.' Student comments seemed to run about 95% positive, and include things like, 'I got so I could guess what the comments were going to be!' and 'It brought attention to important details which would help me to better understand what the stories meant.'

IdeaFisher 6.0

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: IdeaFisher Systems See also MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Description: An idea generator and outliner with a large database of ideas and suggestions waiting to link up with your prompts.

Inspiration

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Inspiration Software See also MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: $195 site license
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Description: A pre-writing program that allows students to organize and arrange ideas in outline or diagram form. Useful for making flow charts to show the logical progression of ideas. Most frequently used for concept mapping and story webbing.

Japan Quake

Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL Multimedia
See also CALL-IS Mac Library Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Duber
Description: Material is based on a news report that aired just two days after the huge earthquake in Japan of January, 1995. This lesson focuses on practicing advanced level listening skills, and in addition to reading and some writing components, it includes opportunities for pronunciation practice (if a microphone is available) and more. A small shareware fee ($10 US) is requested to encourage the development of additional lessons. Japan Quake is freeware.

Language Experience Recorder

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Teacher Support Software See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy
Info from: STDOT
Description: A specialized word processing program with speech capability. Students can hear whatever they've written read back to them. Includes features for readability and writing analysis.

This program was designed for teachers using the Language Experience Approach to reading. Needs a sound card on the IBM.

Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing!

Machine: DOS, Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: STDOT; Jones, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: This typing program offers a step-by-step tutorial (written for native speakers, so not very useful by beginners or intermediate level students without a teacher's help getting started), record-keeping so that learners can start up again where they left off, and game options for further practice. The road race typing game is very popular with some learners. Sometimes sold bundled with Correct Grammar by mail order vendors. On CD-ROM or on disks.

Microsoft Bookshelf

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Microsoft See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto; ESL Linc
Description: A CD-ROM based set of reference materials, including on-line versions of The American Heritage Dictionary, Roget's Thesaurus, The World Almanac and Book of Facts, The Concise Columbia Encyclopedia, The Columbia Dictionary of Quotations, The People's Chronology, The Hammond World Atlas, and the National Five-digit Zip Code and Post Office Directory. There are hypertext links between most of the materials, so the student can click on a word in the encyclopedia, and Bookshelf will jump to its dictionary where the student can even hear the word pronounced. Well-designed and very informative, but like most multimedia programs, it really needs an up-to-date Mac or PC.

My Words

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: CD (4:6/1988), N.Johnson
Description: Word-processor with speech capability (uses a speech synthesizer). Words are spoken as they appear on the screen. The computer stores a list of each user's words in a 'word bank.' Students can see or hear the words in the word bank in a window of the screen while doing additional word processing. Useful for Language Experience Approach activities. DOS version is on disks, while the Mac version is on CD-ROM.

Once Upon a Time... Volumes I, II, III, and IV

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Beginning For: Grades 1-6
Description: Story-telling and creation. Designed for native speakers.

One Step at a Time

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, HE

Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: This program was designed to accompany the writing and grammar series of the same name. Interactive computer tutorials accompany each chapter of the text. With this program students can access a word processor to write assignments collaboratively or independently. Lesson activities are also designed to be done in pairs collaboratively. Computer-based tests for each level are use randomly generated questions in a multiple-choice format. A feedback screen on test performance can be printed out or saved for record-keeping purposes. Sample software is free from the publisher. Level 1 and Level 2 sold separately.

PacerForum
Machine: Mac
Publisher: NetManager
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Krauss
Description: A networked electronic bulletin board and conferencing program, PacerForum can be used with students at all levels to promote written discussion on any topic. Students can either work in a real time environment or do their writing outside of class. Program supports text, graphics, audio and video.

Perfect Copy English
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Logicus
Approximate single-unit price: $200 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Jabaji; ESL Linc
Description: This self-paced program contains 500 stories and letters to edit at three reading levels and three interest levels (youth, teen, adult). Students have access to help in the form of a word list, context-sensitive grammar rules, and clues such as highlighting sentences and words with errors and modeling a correct version of the article. A record-keeping function tracks student progress in working through the skill areas the program addresses: abbreviations, punctuation, subject-verb agreement, irregular verbs, numbers, pronouns, easily confused words, and general editing.

Personal Letter Works
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Round Lake Publishing See also MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: discount for online orders
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Contains 400 customizable letters covering a broad range of topics for personal use.

Poetry Shop
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Computers for Education
See also TESOL/CELIA, CELIA, CALL-IS Mac Library
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, HE
Description: This HyperCard stack from Elizabeth Hanson-Smith prompts students step by step in the creation of six styles of poetry and also includes a number of fiction starters. The poetry styles include Cinquain, Diamonds, Sense Poems (easy, medium and hard) and Haiku. The color version is distributed by Computers for Education, and a black and white version is available on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

Postcards
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Curriculum Associates

Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Students select from Mexico, Ghana, Japan, and Turkey as a country of interest, then choose a writing project: narrative, persuasive, compare/contrast, or descriptive. They can view three different multimedia tours of each country to look at the culture, history, and geography. Students take notes in a travel log. The program offers a 'Mail Room' where students write postcards, first in a structured format, then without prompts. Teachers can add more writing assignments. The program includes help in finding keypals on the Internet and a list of websites for online research. CD-ROM. The publisher offers a free demo.

Print Shop Deluxe
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: N.Johnson, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: This computer tool is very useful in enabling students to complete such tasks as creating greeting cards, signs, personalized letterhead stationary, banners and calendars. The program comes with lots of interesting pre-made graphics which students can use in the creation of their projects. The new Print Shop Deluxe edition on CD-ROM adds the following capabilities to the previous editions: scalable graphics; color printing; TrueType fonts (which can also be scaled without losing any quality); new styles of ready-made graphics to serve as backgrounds for individual letters or as a border for a whole side of a text; special pre-made headline texts; 'rich text,' which allows users to change fonts, styles, sizes and colors within individual words; a new utility to export Print Shop Deluxe graphics to other programs; and a layout program to facilitate creative mixing of text and graphics. Earlier disk-based version is slightly less expensive.

Process Your Thoughts
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE, 7-12
Description: Companion software to a writing text intended to combine teaching the writing process together with basic techniques of computer word processing. Features authentic reading selections, systematic presentation of writing strategies and tools and interactive activities. Sample software is free from the publisher.

Reader Rabbit 3
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 2-4
Special use: elementary
Description: Students complete stories by writing their own phrases or choosing from prewritten selections. A newspaper can be a class project. Available on Mac and Windows disks or a Mac/Win CD-ROM.

Richmond Electronic Dictionary
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Richmond
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: bilingual
Description: Dictionary that can be accessed from within an program. Also includes model letters. CD-ROM.

Right Resume Writer III, The

Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Career Development Software See also Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $100
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult
Description: Updated version of The Right Resume Writer. Formats for chronological, skills and professional resumes. Hints for effective marketing of experiences included.
The company now offers Resume Maker, which includes a career planning component.

Scholastic Network

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Scholastic Software
Approximate single-unit price: $250 Purchase options: $2500 site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-8
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Schoffer, A. Bishop
Description: Internet curriculum service for grades K-8 providing access to teacher plans, discussion groups, on-line chats with authors, thematic guides. Includes an ESL/Spanish department. Articles, books, experts and resources are accessible. Areas include the Math Center and the Writing Center.

Spanish/English Literacy Skills

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: $80 lab pack of 5
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Description: CD-ROM based writing activities in both Spanish and English versions. Topics include English for You; My First Sentences; Class Journals; Chant, Chant, Chant; Poetry for Young Poets; The Me Disk I, Sentence Writing I, Sentence Combining with Aesop; Sentences to Paragraphs I. Mac and Windows CD-ROMs sold separately.

Spell Tutor

Machine: Mac
Publisher: MacMUSE Software
Approximate single-unit price: $7 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Addis
Description: Spell Tutor is an easy to use and fun program for creating, practicing, storing and printing lists of spelling words. The student hears the word as recorded on the Mac by the teacher or other student and then must spell the word using correct case. When finished, the student sees his score and can opt to retake the whole test or just the missed words.
The teacher, parent, or student enters a spelling list of up to 30 words of up to 16 letters each. The pronunciation of the word is entered at the same time using a Macintosh sound input device. (i.e. the PlainTalk microphone which comes with most Macs) Version 1.2 offers the option of allowing the computer to speak the word when the Apple Speech extension is present. Previously entered words can be easily edited. The list is stored and can be printed.
Requires a Macintosh computer with a 68020 CPU or better, System 7.0 or better. A Macintosh sound input device (such as the small round microphone that comes with some systems) or the Apple Speech Manager extension. At least 1 MB of free RAM (2 MB preferred) Headphones are useful in a lab situation. (Addis)

Storybook Maker/Deluxe
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab $135
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-4
Special use: Elementary; literacy
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Learners use the included picture cards to create a story that they can then tell to their classmates. Learners click on and drag the images they want to the desired location on the page. Students can also type in words. The Deluxe version reads words letter by letter, word by word, or by sentence and supports QuickTime movies. This graphical program will require a task set by the teacher for students to have much language learning benefit from using it. Runs on a CD-ROM under Windows or on the Mac.

Storybook Weaver
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: literacy, bilingual, elementary
Info from: Foley-Vinay, Bishop
Description: A creative tool for kids to write and illustrate their own storybook. Students can choose from hundreds of images and scenery combinations, plus a variety of borders and type styles. They can also add sounds and music to their stories. Story Book Weaver Deluxe on CD offers more graphics and animation, spoken word narration, and both English and Spanish writing capabilities. The disk version is slightly less expensive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

SuperPrint Bilingual/Spanish
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Scholastic Software See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: K-8
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Gray, A. Bishop
Description: Graphic print program in bilingual version lets learners switch between the two languages. Includes teaching guide. Prints cards, newsletters, banners, etc. in color or black and white. Two-way English-Spanish or bilingual/ESL.

Type to Learn
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Sunburst Communications See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $130 Purchase options: $130 for lab pack of 5; network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Algren
Description: A typing program recommended for beginning typists, used at the University of Kansas. Complete keyboarding course that includes spelling, grammar, composition, and punctuation work. Two reading levels. Designed for native speakers. Available on CD-ROM or disks.

Ultimate Writing and Creativity Center
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: network, site license

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: Word-processor with graphics, sound, and animation add-ons. An interactive cartoon character prompts students through the prewriting process. Best for children, due to the nature of the graphics included. Comes on CD-ROM.

UltraKey 3.0

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Bytes of Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: site, lab; DOS disks cheaper
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: N.Johnson; ESL Linc
Description: UltraKey is a keyboard skills tutorial that is more appropriate for ESL users than many on the market. The explanation about proper posture at the computer is well done and accessible to at least intermediate level ESL students. The excellent use of graphics and visual prompts also helps. Finally, in the skill check section students have an option of typing in whatever text they desire. This enables students to practice writing sentences at their appropriate level while at the same time building keyboard speed. A demo version is available at the website. Hybrid Windows/Mac CD-ROM, or separate disks versions. Half price on DOS and Apple II disk versions.

UltraWriter

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Bytes of Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Integrated writing and writing instruction program that lets users compose while following directed writing instructions, using story and report starters, or inputting copy for keyboarding development. Word-processing component includes on-line help, spell checking and text-to-speech. The program differs from others in its ability to analyze and report on keyboarding performance. UltraWriter is complemented by a program called UltraWriter Manager which allows teachers to create and edit their own curriculum content for use with UltraWriter. Available on disk and CD-ROM.

Word Processor Ideas for Composition

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Computers for Education
See also TESOL/CELIA, CELIA, CALL-IS Mac Library Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Hanson-Smith
Description: Free text files from Elizabeth Hanson-Smith. Pre-freshman English course syllabus, assignments, and templates for writing assignments for word processors.

Word Stuff: Amazing English

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman
Approximate single-unit price: $85
Level: Intermediate For: 4-8
Info from: Publisher
Description: Part of the Amazing English series, the CD-ROM teaches reading skills appropriate to novels plus some essay writing. Hard-bound teacher's manual. Separate CDs for pre-K-3 (Word Stuff = $85), 3-6 (Word Attack = $90).

World Atlas
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Magoto, Healey
Description: This CD-ROM-based world atlas offers extensive information on countries of the world, including demographic as well as geographic data. Learners can search for specific information about a country. While it is possible to print the information about a country, the program is not selective about what to print, resulting in about 10-15 pages of output.

Writer's Choice Interactive Grammar Workbook
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Glencoe McGraw-Hill
Approximate single-unit price: $250 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 6-12
Description: The program offers drills, learning hints, examples, automatic grading, performance graphs and summary reports. $250 per level, from grade 6-12. Can be installed on a network.

Writer's Edge
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: IdeaFisher Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-5
Info from: Healey
Description: This writing program works with Microsoft Word, Word Perfect and Ami Pro. Learners can start by brainstorming with the concept database, something like an idea thesaurus. This three-level hierarchy starts with a list of concept categories related to the learner's query word. Writers can then move to Section Titles from the selected concept category, then to a list of ideas, words, and phrases linked thematically to the section title. It also works well as a regular thesaurus. Available for Macintosh and Windows.

Writer's Workshop 2
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-8
Special use: bilingual
Description: Topics include Sentences & Paragraphs, Capitalization & Punctuation, Writing Letters, Writing for Fun, Writing to Explain, Writing Process, Writing Descriptively, Expository Writing, Newswriting, and A Writer's Basic Tools. Split screen has topics on one half, word-processor on the other.

Zurk's Rainforest Lab
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Soleil Software See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Beginning For: K-8
Special use: bilingual (Sp., Fr.)
Info from: Bishop
Description: CD-ROM-based creative writing, math, life science in Spanish, English, and French. Similar titles include Zurk's Alaskan Trek and Zurk's Learning Safari. A demo can be downloaded from http://www.soleil.com/. The price is for a teacher's edition.

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Annotext-Mac

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Panda Software
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto; CJ 4:4 1993/94
Description: A HyperCard-based authoring system that makes it easy to annotate texts. The annotations can be dictionary definitions (dictionaries are available for French and German), pictures, sounds, CD audio, or even QuickTime movies. Useful for literature teachers preparing lectures or self-study tutorials, or student project work. Annotext's strength may also be its weakness--the program comes with very little traditional content, and making it authoring well requires intermediate-advanced HyperCard scripting ability.

Authorware Attain

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Macromedia Purchase options: $5000--contact pub. for information
Level: Teacher For: All
Info from: Levy, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: Allows teachers to create lessons incorporating text, graphics, animation, sound and videodisc. Windows versions Win NT, 95, 3.1

CDictation

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Herren, David
See also TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM, ftp://ftp.flannet.middlebury.edu/HT/
Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Info from: Magoto, Healey
Description: HyperCard authoring program for creating dictations from music CDs. Teacher plays a song, marking relevant segments. She then types in (or copies and pastes) the lyrics corresponding to those segments. The student's job is to type in the lyrics (or part of the lyrics) as she is listening to the song on the CD. If she's correct, the song continues playing. Interesting use of hypermedia in a widely available medium, but fairly hardware-intensive and time-consuming to prepare. Teachers are advised to get students to do as much of the preparatory work as possible, e.g. picking music and typing in lyrics for each other. (JM)
Our teachers have created a number of these, and students enjoy them a great deal. (DH)

Choicemaster

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site
Level: Teacher
Info from: Levy, Taylor, Eastment, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: Produces multiple choice tests with feedback for right and wrong answers. Version 2 is for IBM. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries.

Course Builder

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Discovery Systems International Purchase options: contact publisher
Level: Teacher
Info from: ISNL Feb 1992; ESL Linc
Description: Authoring program for creating interactive computer training programs with sound, graphics and movies, without scripting or programming. Programs can automatically track and

save student reports. Course Builder Cross Platform converts Course Builder programs created on the Mac for playback on Windows. Programs cannot be created on Windows, however. More features are available in more expensive versions.

Dasher
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: KenCD Software See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: site/network $450
Level: Teacher
Info from: Magoto
Description: Widely-used in foreign languages, this long-time authoring program hasn't made too much of an impact in ESL. One reason for that is that it has very limited authoring capability: you're limited to 4-5 types of exercises (and no scripting), and student responses are always evaluated letter by letter, word by word; the other is that it uses a rather traditional drill and practice paradigm. Becomes more interesting if the exercises include graphics, sound, or laserdisc access, but this kind of multimedia work can be better done with other programs.
No longer available from Conduit; now distributed by PICS.

Evil Landlady Action Maze
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Creative Technology Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, T
Description: An ESL action maze from Martin Holmes, implemented using HTML pages. Put it on your Web server or use it as an example for creating your own Web-based action maze. Freeware.

Fun with Texts
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Camsoft See also Wida
Purchase options: UK£95; lab, site
Level: Teacher For: All
Description: Authoring package lets teachers write texts for use in 7 different student programs: four versions of cloze (including automatic, selected, total-text and total-text with first-letter clue), word descrambling and prediction exercises, decryption and line-reordering. PC version includes a concordancer that will work on ASCII (plain text) files of any length. Add-ons available to enable on-screen instructions and feedback to be presented in Spanish, French, German or Italian. Wida Software's Storyboard texts can be read by Fun with Texts.
Upgrades from the DOS to the Windows version are available at discounts of 30% to 50% for current users, depending on time of purchase of original program.
$150 for a 10-user license for DOS/Win, $120 for a 10-user license for the Mac. Over 10 users, $15 per workstation for DOS/Win, $12 per work station for Mac, up to a maximum of $480 (DOS/Win) and $400 for Mac.

Gapmaster
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA, Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Levy, Hurst, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: A cloze generator that can import text from other programs and print out. Hints can be added. Authorable. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries.

Guided Listening and Viewing
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Herren, David
See also TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM, ftp://ftp.flannet.middlebury.edu/HT/
Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Info from: Healey
Description: Authoring program (based on HyperCard) for creating vocabulary lessons with sound and graphics. Teachers type in a word, definition, example sentence, and then record what they want their students to hear. Students can record and play back their voices and compare it to the teacher's.

Guided Reading
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Herren, David
See also TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM, ftp://ftp.flannet.middlebury.edu/HT/
Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Info from: Healey, Magoto
Description: Guided Reading by David Herren is a HyperCard stack whose purpose is to assist in introducing the intermediate language student to the literature in the target language through media-based annotations of texts. It provides an easy means for the instructor to answer questions one time that she knows the students will ask over and again each semester. I am further hopeful that it will simultaneously engage the student in a way they might not otherwise be engaged. With very little practice, the instructor should be able to create annotated editions of text including digital sound, interactive video, graphics and text, designed to provide collaborative support to the intermediate and beginning language student as they investigate short stories, poetry or excerpts in the target language. (JM)

Hot Potatoes Web Authoring Suite
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Creative Technology Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Info from: Holmes
Description: Hot Potatoes is a freeware suite of Win95 programs for making interactive WWW pages. These programs are effectively substantially improved versions of JBC, JQuiz and MiniTools. Users of previous versions of these programs are strongly recommended to upgrade, since the new versions are much improved. The suite is also available for Macintosh. Hot Potatoes is the work of the University of Victoria CALL Lab R and D team (Martin Holmes, Stewart Arneil and Hilary Street), A.K.A. Half-Baked Software.

HyperStudio
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Roger Wagner Publishing See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $120 Purchase options: school, district licensing
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, Teacher
Info from: Gaer; ESL Linc
Description: For people who have had trouble with HyperCard, this is extremely easy to use and requires only that you be able to point and click. You can produce programs to help your students in vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation (it has voice), lifeskills, reading, and writing.

LanguageWriter
Machine: Mac
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders See also Athelstan

Approximate single-unit price: $130 Purchase options: site
Level: Teacher
Description: Allows teachers to combine text and teacher-recorded sound.

MacLang
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software See also RDA, Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Teacher
Special use: Bilingual (Fr, Sp, It, Ger, Rus, Jap, Port)
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: An authoring system for creating a variety of CALL exercises. Using six different format possibilities, vocabulary, fill-in-the-blank, paragraph, multiple choice, jumble, and multi-format, teachers can prepare activities in English and any one of the following languages simultaneously: French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian (phonetic or Soviet keyboard), Greek, Latin, Turkish, Japanese Kana, and Pinyin. Exercises may be linked to audio or interactive video.

MacReader
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT, Beller-Kenner
Description: See NewReader.

MacReader Puzzles
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network, site, lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Magoto, Beller-Kenner
Description: A collection of word puzzle games, mostly on the text reconstruction order. The games include word camouflage (words or pieces of words are blanked out and must be reconstructed), sentence scramble, half a word (half of each word is blanked out), missing vowels/missing consonants, and others. Teachers can easily add their own material by using any word-processed document that has been saved as plain text.

Matchmaster
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, teacher
Info from: Levy, Taylor, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: Authoring program for matching exercises. Students have three different 'games' they can play; all are designed to be played either against the computer or another student (the latter works better for language development). The speed is variable, with the fastest speeds a challenge even for native speakers. The program comes with several suggestions for items to pair, including vocabulary words and definitions, synonyms and antonyms, and even lines in a dialogue. Version 2.0 for IBM. 'Convert' facility automatically converts data files to Version 2. Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

MP Express
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Bytes of Learning

Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-2
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM-based multimedia presentation tool that lets users create multimedia productions. MP Express can import and utilize any standard picture, sound, or video including QuickTime VR. It can also record narration. This can be used by students to create presentations. The company also sells resource CDs that contain movies, pictures, backgrounds, music scores and sounds for use with MP Express. Currently shipping Resource CDs include On the Brink: Endangered Species and Living Deserts & Rainforests.

PhotoProject Author

Machine: Mac
Publisher: LCC Logics Purchase options: 495.- Swiss Francs
Level: Teacher
Special use: multilingual
Info from: Rollinghoff
Description: Simple authoring tool for integrating text, photos and a spoken commentary to create a presentation. Teachers can also create a short dictionary that adds 'hot test' capability to the text and to automatically generate a multiple-choice test.
The program comes on a CD-ROM together with the corresponding versions in French, German, Italian, or Spanish plus one example project for each language. The author version of PhotoProject is an empty template for a multimedia book. Most of the learning takes place while creating the project, during which students use their knowledge of the target language.
The CD-ROM comes with a licence to copy its contents on all the computers of one work room.
Price: 495.- Swiss Francs

PhrazeCrazePlus

Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library See also CELIA
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Krauss, McVicker, N.Johnson; ESL Linc
Description: Vocabulary game, like Wheel of Fortune where students take turns trying to guess the letters that make up a hidden word or phrase. Students or teachers can add phrases and words to the program. Students really enjoy this game and it is most useful when this format is used to memorize troublesome vocabulary. Shareware.

Primary Power Pack

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab pack $95, site/network license $350
Level: Teacher
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: A special version for the primary grades of Teachers Power Pack with Test Creator and Puzzle Power.

QTDictation

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Herren, David
See also CELIA, ftp://ftp.flannet.middlebury.edu/HT/ Purchase options: freeware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Any, teacher
Info from: Healey
Description: This is an easy-to-use authoring program that lets teachers create dictations from QuickTime movies. An interesting way to use it is to have students create QuickTime movies of themselves with a digitizing camera like Connectix's QuickCam or on a Mac that digitizes from a regular camcorder. Then they can make the dictations of their timeless words for other students to

try to use. Alternatively, QuickTime movies are available on the Internet from many sites; the Cinemania CD-ROM has a collection of short film clips that will suit the purpose, as well. (DH)

Question Mark Testing & Assessment
Machine: Win, Mac, web
Publisher: Question Mark
See also Wida Purchase options: $1000-$2000 and up
Level: Teacher
Info from: CD (4:8/1988); Hurst; ESL Linc
Description: This powerful piece of software incorporates several of the capabilities of the Wida/Eurocentres series; you can have, within the same file, a gap-filling activity, followed by a matching activity, which goes before a True / False, or a multiple choice activity. You can collate student answers, and analyse student-results, either on a student-by-student basis, or taking the entire class into account. It can be used to make 'catch-up' tests for students who were unable to take a test with the others in the class. There is a Windows version, a Mac version, and one which allows you to create interactive material on the World Wide Web (QM Perception for the Web). Prices vary with the platform, starting at $995(Win), $495(Mac), and $1,995(Web) from Question Mark America and from £999 (Win) £499 (Mac), and £1799 (QM Perception for the Web) from Question Mark UK.

Storyboard
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Hurst, Levy; STDOT; ESL Linc
Description: Whole-text deletion program. Can import text from other programs. One of the very rare programs for which preparation time (by the teacher) is MUCH shorter than the time required by the learner to finish the activity. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0 (IBM). Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries.

Teacher's Tool Kit
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $75 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Algren
Description: Contains four applications: Multiple Choice, Word Match, Word Scramble, and Word Search. Multiple Choice allows you to generate a variety of tests, quizzes and study sheets. Multiple choice questions have five answer choices; the program will also format T/F and essay questions. Questions you enter can be used to generate different quizzes from questions and randomize their order. Word Match is a match-the-words-to-the-definition application. True/False and fill-in-the-blank formats are also available. Multiple random versions of the same items can be generated. Word Scramble is a puzzle generator in which the computer scrambles the letters of each word. Word Search is a puzzle generator in which words you enter are placed on a grid in any of eight directions. The number of directions can be reduced to simplify.

Test Creator
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Teacher
Description: Wide variety of test types available.

Testmaster Version 2

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Teacher
Info from: Moore; ESL Linc
Description: Similar interface to Gapmaster except in q+a format. The teacher types in a question or cue and the answer is programmed as a complete cloze with clues. It can tell you if you've made a punctuation error, etc. You can also program up to around 21 variations for one answer. You can type or import a text into the help screen(s), for example, and the questions may be related to that text. It's very versatile and useful at all levels. I haven't programmed anything into it- it seems to be extremely time-consuming. It might be a good idea to set up a bank of exercises for this program as well. (Moore)

VersaText 2.0/2.7 Author

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Novasoft/ICD Corp. See also Athelstan, Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $300
Level: Teacher
Info from: Milton, N.Johnson; STDOT, Beller-Kenner
Description: Authoring system for creating computer-based reading lessons. Teachers can enter specialized texts, create explanatory notes connected to parts of the text, and create true/false and fill in the blank comprehension questions. The program automatically can provide the student with reports on reading speed and paced reading practice. With the Macintosh version teachers can also add audio and graphics connected to each reading text and exercise. Version 2.7 is for DOS ($220).

VideoDictation

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Herren, David
See also TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM, ftp://ftp.flannet.middlebury.edu/HT/
Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Info from: Healey
Description: HyperCard based authoring program for creating dictations from videodisc clips. The teacher plays the videodisc, marking the segments to create a dictation, then types in the script for each segment. Easier to do than to describe.

WebCALIS

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Duke University
Level: Teacher
Description: WebCALIS is an experimental Java version of WinCALIS for PC, Mac, and UNIX platforms. It supports less than half the features of WinCALIS, but also includes numerous features which WinCALIS does not, such as full support for the World Wide Web; multiple hardware and software platforms, and HTML (so far only in a separate window--and v-e-r-y slow). Download a beta version from http://www.lang.duke.edu/webcal.htm

Word Bingo

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Milton

Description: An authoring program for Word Bingo.

Word Link
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Milton
Description: Creates cloze activities and cryptograms.

xMediaEngine-XP
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Herren, David
See also ftp://ftp.flannet.middlebury.edu/HT/ Purchase options: shareware
Level: Teacher
Description: This is the engine behind the other Herren programs and runs on either Mac or Windows. Shareware. Additional information is online at http://cet.middlebury.edu/XP/ (Guided Tour) and http://www.cet.middlebury.edu/software/xMediaEngine_update.html (general info).

TEACHER UTILITIES

Accelerated Reader

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Advantage Learning Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Teacher
Info from: Publisher
Description: Reading management software that includes student recordkeeping for 200 students and computerized quizzes for reading-range-specific books. A Spanish/English version is also available, with 100 computerized quizzes for reading-range-specific Spanish language books and 100 computerized quizzes for the same books in English language. Students receive feedback in the language they select: either Spanish or English. Dual tracking lets educators separate or combine reporting on reading practice in either language. Accelerated Reader for Spanish English can be added to an initial Accelerated Reader Starter Kit purchase for an additional $100. The elementary level (grades 1-3) quizzes are for titles such as Goodnight Moon, Amelia Bedelia, Charlotte's Web, Clifford series books by Norman Bridwell and Magic School Bus series books by Joanna Cole. The Middle Grades Starter Kit (Grades 4-9) includes quizzes for James and the Giant Peach, Stuart Little, The Courage of Sarah Noble, The Great Gatsby, and titles from Betsy Byars, Laura Ingalls Wilder, S.E. Hutton, and Scott O'Dell.

Crossword Creator

Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies   See also MacConnection, MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $35   Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT
Description: Crossword puzzle maker. Includes a thesaurus to help in generating clues. This package received several recommendations and was praised for being easy to use, though it helps to read the documentation in order to take advantage of all the features. Puzzles can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor.

Cutting Edge Demos

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: CALL Multimedia   Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Description: Demo activities with practice in listening, reading, writing, grammar, pronunciation, and mixed skills. These are the result of experiments by Jim Duber with different ways of using new technologies to deliver CALL modules via the web. Available at http://www-writing.berkeley.edu/chorus/call/cuttingedge.html

EndNote Plus

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Niles & Associates
Approximate single-unit price: $170   Purchase options: student: $100; lab: $139
Level: Advanced, teacher   For: Teacher
Info from: Milton, Magoto
Description: Bibliographic software with one-step creation of bibliographies in over 300 styles, including APA, MLA, Chicago, etc., so it's useful for students, especially graduate students, from many different majors. Other features include storage of reference information in the EndNote database as a personal card catalog and the ability to import search results, including abstracts, from online and CD-ROM databases directly into the EndNote library without having to retype anything. Non-academic price is $300.

Gradebook Plus
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Mindscape See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Teacher
Info from: Corio; www.benchin.com
Description: Gradebook Plus is a DOS software program that helps educators keep track of grades and scores by providing an easy-to-use record keeping system. First, the class is set up by entering class data and student names and identification numbers. Next, individual grades are entered. At any time, the grades may be displayed on the computer screen or printed. In addition to raw totals and scores, Gradebook Plus will automatically calculate many useful statistics on individual students, on classes as a whole, or on individual assignments. Statistics include mean, median, and standard deviation. A histogram and grades based on an instructor-selected grading scale are also available. The teacher's manual explains how the program works, describes the different report options, and gives samples of the various reports.

Hot Potatoes Web Authoring Suite
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Creative Technology Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Info from: Holmes
Description: Hot Potatoes is a freeware suite of Win95 programs for making interactive WWW pages. These programs are effectively substantially improved versions of JBC, JQuiz and MiniTools. Users of previous versions of these programs are strongly recommended to upgrade, since the new versions are much improved. The suite is also available for Macintosh. Hot Potatoes is the work of the University of Victoria CALL Lab R and D team (Martin Holmes, Stewart Arneil and Hilary Street), A.K.A. Half-Baked Software.

HyperCard Templates for Language Learning
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Bradin, Claire
Approximate single-unit price: freeware
Level: Teacher
Description: A series of templates that teachers can customize easily for classroom use. Karaoke Conversations is high on the fun factor. They are available for download from http://edvista.com/claire/hypercard/templates.htm.

IdeaFisher 6.0
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: IdeaFisher Systems See also MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Description: An idea generator and outliner with a large database of ideas and suggestions waiting to link up with your prompts.

Learning Styles Inventory
Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab (5): $200, (10): $295; network: $395
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey
Description: Students go through this questionnaire in the form of a HyperCard stack to analyze their learning styles. The program offers suggestions to enhance studying based on the learner's profile. The profiles for whole class can be stored, so that comparisons of an individual to the

teacher or to the class can be printed. The interface on the Mac version was not the smoothest, especially in terms of printing a diagnosis for each student, but it is workable. The Windows version may have a better interface, since it is newer.

LXR Test
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Logic eXtension Resources
Approximate single-unit price: $200   Purchase options: site
Level: Teacher
Description: High-end test generation software that offers a variety of scoring and test options and will produce multiple versions from a single test bank. Offers word processor text editing with rulers and tabs. Selects questions individually or randomly by objective or key word category. Scrambles both items and choices. Supports graphics and QuickTime movies. Includes built-in spelling checker. The Professional Edition is $500 and adds question bank password protection, question linking, global data changing, extended selection capabilities, mastery specifications, and various print options. The Scoring Edition for $900 adds an optical mark reader interface for automatic scoring and more detailed item and test analysis options.

Micrograde
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Chariot Software Group   See also Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $95   Purchase options: site licenses starting at $290
Level: Teacher
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Teacher-management software for handling, student information, grades, and statistics in many report types, including teacher-designed ones. Upgraded to include importing & exporting of info, making of rosters & work sheets, attendance by day/student. Easy-to-use, flexible, and completely customizable.

MP Express
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Bytes of Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $50   Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All but K-2
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM-based multimedia presentation tool that lets users create multimedia productions. MP Express can import and utilize any standard picture, sound, or video including QuickTime VR. It can also record narration. This can be used by students to create presentations. The company also sells resource CDs that contain movies, pictures, backgrounds, music scores and sounds for use with MP Express. Currently shipping Resource CDs include On the Brink: Endangered Species and Living Deserts & Rainforests.

Primary Power Pack
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $55   Purchase options: lab pack $95, site/network license $350
Level: Teacher
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: A special version for the primary grades of Teachers Power Pack with Test Creator and Puzzle Power.

Print Shop Deluxe
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund   See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $80   Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: N.Johnson, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: This computer tool is very useful in enabling students to complete such tasks as creating greeting cards, signs, personalized letterhead stationary, banners and calendars. The program comes with lots of interesting pre-made graphics which students can use in the creation of their projects. The new Print Shop Deluxe edition on CD-ROM adds the following capabilities to the previous editions: scalable graphics; color printing; TrueType fonts (which can also be scaled without losing any quality); new styles of ready-made graphics to serve as backgrounds for individual letters or as a border for a whole side of a text; special pre-made headline texts; 'rich text,' which allows users to change fonts, styles, sizes and colors within individual words; a new utility to export Print Shop Deluxe graphics to other programs; and a layout program to facilitate creative mixing of text and graphics. Earlier disk-based version is slightly less expensive.

Test Creator
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Teacher
Description: Wide variety of test types available.

Testmaster Version 2
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Teacher
Info from: Moore; ESL Linc
Description: Similar interface to Gapmaster except in q+a format. The teacher types in a question or cue and the answer is programmed as a complete cloze with clues. It can tell you if you've made a punctuation error, etc. You can also program up to around 21 variations for one answer. You can type or import a text into the help screen(s), for example, and the questions may be related to that text. It's very versatile and useful at all levels. I haven't programmed anything into it- it seems to be extremely time-consuming. It might be a good idea to set up a bank of exercises for this program as well. (Moore)
Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Word Cross
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz See also Lingo Fun, Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: all
Info from: Algren, Koons, Beller-Kenner
Description: A program that allows you to create crossword puzzles and to make as many different versions of the puzzle as you choose. You can print an answer key as well. Clues can be printed on a separate page from the puzzle.
One user noted that the copy protection scheme is very cumbersome.

Wordsearch Creator
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Creates three types of word search puzzles: standard wordsearch (target words are hidden in a grid of letters), clues puzzles where students see clues to the hidden words, and fill-in-

the-blank puzzles where students see a paragraph with the missing words found in the puzzle. Can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor.

Windows Software

DISCONTINUED

Adventure Game & Interactive Fiction Generator
Machine: DOS
Publisher: RK-Idees

Adventures with Edison
Machine: Win
Publisher: H+a Software

All About Me!
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Creative Pursuits

All-in-One Language Fun!
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems

Beyond the Naked Eye
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: H+a Software

Blockers and Finders II
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Sunburst Communications

Brick by Brick
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning

CulturGrams
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Digital Libraries

ESL Companion
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Creative Pursuits

Fay's Word Rally
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Ingenuity Works

Forces and Motion
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies

Grammatik
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Novell
Description: No longer sold as a separate product; now bundled into Word Perfect.

Green Files, The
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software

Guinness Disc of World Records
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Grolier Electronic Publishing

Hidden Agenda
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Scholastic Software

Interactive Alphabet
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software

Interactive Nova
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Scholastic Software   Purchase options:

Invenntion
Machine: DOS
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders

Invention: Mastering Sound
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: All

Invest in the Future

JLC Life Skills
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.

Kid Works 2 Bilingual
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure

Language Assistant Programs
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software

Microsoft Art Gallery
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Microsoft

Planet Earth Videodiscs
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies

Project Star
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning

RSVP
Machine: DOS
Publisher: American Education Corporation

Sounds American
Machine: DOS

Publisher: Speech Communication
Description: This version has been discontinued; see American SpeechSounds for the updated version of this program.

Sounds Canadian
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Speech Communication
Description: This version has been discontinued. See American SpeechSounds for the current version.

Star By Design
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning

Tapestry Early Learning Programs
Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.

Textplay
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Wida Software

Triple Play Plus!
Machine: Win
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
Description: Now known as Smart Start Language Software.

Wild World of Madison Jaxx
Machine: Win
Publisher: H+a Software

Wordplay
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Wida Software

WordStuff
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest

Writer's Helper
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents

Writing Journal, The
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Creative Pursuits

COMPREHENSIVE

A+ Advanced Learning System

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: American Education Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab, site, volume
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Healey
Description: This is a comprehensive program that combines extensive management tools with step-by-step instruction and practice in a variety of areas, including reading, writing, grammar, listening, science, and social studies. Additional third-party software can be added to the management system, which allows teachers to set sequences of recommended lessons and track learner progress. Without the management system, moving from one unit to another is quite awkward. The screens are very basic and somewhat repetitive; students accustomed to a multimedia presentation in interactive programs may be disappointed. Programs cost $150 per title, with 68 titles available. A demo of this program is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM. (Healey)

BBC New English Course

Machine: Win
Publisher: Ladder Multimedia Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Chinese)
Description: A series of 24 CD-ROMs provide a variety of language activities. Includes an English-Chinese dictionary.

Business Challenges Interactive

Machine: Win
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman See also Wida
Purchase options: £50 per level
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: Adult education, higher eduation
Special use: Business, bilingual (French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Italian)
Description: Can be used in conjunction with the Business Challenges Course Book or independently. Soap opera style video clips about a proposed merger between a British and a Japanese company form the core of the program. The video clips serve as a basis of interactions with language, including cloze exercises, sentence jumbles and other point-and-click activities. Onscreen instructions are available in English, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, and Italian. British English. Two levels, sold separately.

CD-ROM Theme Connections 1, 2, 3

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: 1-6
Special use: Literacy
Description: This 18-disk CD-ROM program supports the Prentice Hall Regents ESL program for Grades 1-6. Each of the disks links directly to and is fully integrated with a Student Theme Book and provides a variety of interactive activities (using animation, sound, and graphics). Activities include Screen Play: manipulating objects on the screen; Match Game: matching words and phrases; Story Reader: listening and reading; Story Maker: manipulating visuals and text to create a story; Draw and Share: drawing and coloring pictures; Puzzle: jumbled ideas and sentences; Story Completer: choosing words or pictures to complete a passage; Text Analyzer: highlighting portions of text on screen; Comic-Strip Maker: writing and recording dialogue and creating captions to make a story; and Writing: a word-processor with pre-writing. Call publisher for pricing.

Classworks
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $10000 Purchase options: network only
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: A comprehensive, network-based management program that includes a range of software by grade level. Not designed specifically for ESL. Pricing depends on the number of stations on the network and extent of the software purchased. Basic packages start around $10,000.

Computerized Citizenship Preparation Program
Machine: Win, DOS
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $300 Purchase options: lab (5): $590, (10): $885; network: $158
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: Adult
Special use: Citizenship
Description: This program uses text, graphics, and audio to help learners prepare for the written and oral portions of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Citizenship Test. Students learn about US history and government in preparation for the test. They can listen to questions and record their answers for later review. Quizzes are included so students can check their understanding. The program requires a sound card, microphone, and headset. It will run either from disks (loaded onto a hard drive) or from a CD. CD version $400. A demo is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

Critical Mass
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-9
Special use: Science
Info from: Publisher
Description: Designed for native speakers, this includes video clips, text, and graphics about 'America's Race to Build the Atomic Bomb.' CD-ROM

ELLIS Intro
Machine: Win
Publisher: CALI
Approximate single-unit price: $600
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Beller-Kenner, Bishop
Description: This Windows-based program uses video (MPEG and AVI versions), animation, still images, and audio to present basic informationto adult learners without requiring much reading. Menus offer role-play and synthesis activities. Lessons focus on vocabulary building, basis grammar, culture, pronunciation, and communicative competence. Comes with Instructor Utilities, ELLIS' on-line student tracking system.

ELLIS Middle Mastery
Machine: Win
Publisher: CALI
Approximate single-unit price: $600
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Beller-Kenner, Bishop

Description: This comprehensive interactive program for intermediate learners utilizes motion video, graphics, animation, text, sound, and voice recording. Lessons focus on grammatical, cultural, and communicative competence for high school and adult learning, including business, adult literacy, higher education, and vocational programs. Enhanced pronunciation and listening comprehension activities are now included. This comes with Instructor Utilities, ELLIS' on-line student tracking system, instructor guides and a learner response book.

ELLIS Senior Mastery
Machine: Win
Publisher: CALI
Approximate single-unit price: $600
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Beller-Kenner, Bishop
Description: Comprehensive interactive program for intermediate to advanced learners in higher education,high school, business, and TOEFL preparation areas. Includes role play activities. Utilizes motion video, graphics, animation, text, sound, and voice recording to teach grammar, vocabulary, culture, listening, and pronunciation in 12 lessons, with over 400 hours of instruction. Comes with Instructor Utilities, ELLIS' on-line student tracking system, an instructor guide and a learner response book. Laserdisc, MPEG, and AVI versions.

English Express Deluxe
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
See also NAS Educational Software Purchase options: Five-user min. Call for pricing.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: Grade 5-Adult
Info from: CJ 4:2; STDOT; Bishop; ESL Linc
Description: This vocabulary-centered language teaching system offers students opportunities for listening, speaking, reading and writing English. Offers extensive practice in a variety of modes. Requires a CD-ROM drive, videodisc with barcode reader, computer with hard drive, and either the Macintosh's built-in speech capability or a sound card. It comes with extensive teacher's guides, including a videotape showing how to apply the material, lesson plans, and complete scripts of what is on the videodiscs. Installation is part of the package when a network version is purchased. Price ranges from $5,000 - $11,000 depending upon the system configuration and the number of users.

English Mastery
Machine: Win
Publisher: ALA
Approximate single-unit price: $900 Purchase options: quantity discounts, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: DigiEnglish
Description: A high-end comprehensive multimedia package. Includes Alania A, B, C (beginning, intermediate, advanced) and EM Authoring package. Upgrades from the ALA Lab System are available for $225 as of November, 1998. Components can be purchased separately, and volume discounts are available. Windows 3.1, 95/98, NT CD-ROM.

English Tutor
Machine: Win
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Approximate single-unit price: $100
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Chantril's
Description: CD-ROM based multimedia program with graphics, speech, voice recording and playback. Has a variety of drills and exercises. Designed for ESL.

English Your Way

Machine: Win
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Conversational English through multimedia activities. Practice in grammar, speaking, listening, vocabulary, reading, and writing. Has speech recognition (DragonSpeech). Comes with a microphone and a tape.

Flying Colours: EuroPlus+

Machine: Win
Publisher: Heinemann ELT
Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Description: Based on Judy Garton-Sprenger and Simon Greenall's course, Flying Colours, this Windows CD-ROM offers sound, video, multiple choice, matching, voice recording, and a variety of text reconstruction exercises. British English in the sound and the authentic texts chosen for inclusion.

GesslerQ Express Business English

Machine: Win
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning For: Adult, higher education
Special use: Business
Description: CD-ROM-based focus on communication skills, using text, sound, video, and graphics. Students can also record and playback. Includes a glossary, grammar book, cultural notes, crossword puzzles, and a variety of exercises. Also called QExpress Business English.

GesslerQ Express English

Machine: Win
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning For: Adult
Description: Twenty units on one CD-ROM, designed for self-study. Includes video, record/playback, glossary, grammar book, culture notes, crossword puzzles, a variety of exercises, unit tests, online help, and a teacher's guide.

Hablemos Inglés

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-3
Special use: Bilingual
Description: A CD-ROM-based course designed for native speakers of Spanish that includes video and audio recordings, exercises, games, and a 350-page textbook to help learners improve listening comprehension, grammar, and writing skills. Like in its English-based counterpart, Learn to Speak English, each lesson begins with a setting and a dialog. The settings follow a visitor to the U.S. through customs, getting a hotel, exchanging money, to furnishing an apartment and shopping for food. The students can expand their study of the language presented in the settings and dialogs through the use of cultural notes, vocabulary study (hear the word, definitions, notes about usage), grammar notes, exercises (fill in the blank, sentence writing, scrambled sentences,

listening dictation), pronunciation work (listen to the model pronunciation, record voice and play back), and a test of both grammatical and functional language knowledge.
The Windows version uses speech-recognition technology to evaluate pronunciation on a scale of "Tourist" to "Native." QuickTime movies show cultural points of interest in the US. System 7 or higher is required on the Macintosh version.

Heartsoft Bestseller
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $400 Purchase options: $400 lifetime site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-8
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Website
Description: A set of 12 Heartsoft products, including Billiards 'n' Homonyms (vocabulary game), Bubblegum Machine (sight work with key words), Coin Changer (practice recognizing the value of coins and bills), Electric Math Chalkboard (uncover a picture by answering math questions correctly), Electric Coloring Book (keeps students within the lines), Great American States Race (social studies game about the US), Memory Master (concentration with letters and numbers), Reading Rodeo (literacy game), Sleuth Master (a mastermind game - guess the hidden 4-number code), Spinner's Choice (a version of Wheel of Fortune - guessing words or phrases in categories), Tommy the Time Turtle (practice in telling time), and Word Capture (wordsearch puzzles). The ESL version includes copies of each program in Spanish. Network/site license for $400 lets schools add copies as their needs grow.

I Speak English—Low and High Beginning
Machine: Win
Publisher: Intechnica International
Approximate single-unit price: $360 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Spanish, Haitian-Kreol)
Description: Voice-interactive comprehensive programs for low beginning and high beginning students (each level sold separately). Offers reading, writing, listening, and speaking practice in a self-paced curriculum with hundreds of lessons. A teacher's manual is included. Bilingual support is available in Spanish and Haitian-Kreol, priced separately at $85. The low beginning program has 60 hours of phonics work. An unlimited site license for each program costs $5000. Requires Windows 95/98, CD-ROM, sound card, headset with microphone, and 40MB of free space per level on a hard drive; network OK.

I Speak English—Low and High Intermediate
Machine: Win
Publisher: Intechnica International
Approximate single-unit price: $360 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Spanish, Haitian-Kreol)
Description: Voice-interactive comprehensive programs for low intermediate and high intermediate students (each level sold separately). Offers reading, writing, listening, and speaking practice in a self-paced curriculum with hundreds of lessons. A teacher's manual is included. Bilingual support is available in Spanish and Haitian-Kreol, priced separately at $85. An unlimited site license for each program costs $5000. Requires Windows 95/98, CD-ROM, sound card, headset with microphone, and 40MB of free space per level on a hard drive; network OK.

Inglés Your Way
Machine: Win
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $70

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-8
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Interactive language course for Spanish speakers that focuses on conversation, vocabulary, and grammar. Has dialogues with multiple responses and story lines, plus linked record/playback and speech recognition. In the self-guided mode learners choose what to do by browsing through the conversations or games. "Guided study" maps out the sequence of the course for individuals who prefer a more traditionol, structured method of learning. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Interchange CD-ROM 1

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: UK£40
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Website
Description: Companion to the Interchange series, this CD-ROM offers multimedia exercises. The website at http://www.cup.cam.ac.uk/elt/interchange/ has more activities online.

Issues in English

Machine: Win, DOS
Publisher: Protea Textware See also Wida
Purchasing options: AUD$160 for single user; lab pack avail.
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: This CD-ROM-based program contains eight issues (Smoking, Gambling, Discrimination, Growing Old, etc.), each covered at four levels of complexity from Beginner to Advanced. Each issue has a video clip of someone presenting the issue, with the language activities (approx. 18 per issues per level) based on the video clip.

Jostens English Language Development (ELD)

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-8
Info from: Paxton
Description: The ELD program consists of eight units, titled: 1) World of Numbers; 2) School Days; 3); Home, Sweet Home; 4) My Family; 5) Me, Myself, and I; 6)What Will I Wear?; 7) Animal Antics; 8) Changing Times.
Each of the eight units includes a community exploration, conversation and lesson activity, and a tool-based project. These components provide the beginning student with an opportunity to see and hear conversations and complete activities all in the context of real situations. Each unit comes with black line masters and other materials and ideas. The units themselves are NOT meant to stand alone, i.e. be used without the other materials and off-computer learning.
There are four integrated program components included with the product: Story Time, Word Time, Time for Rhymes and Storybook Maker. A detailed Picture Dictionary based on the eight thematic units is included. The CD-ROM version of the Golden Book Encyclopedia is an optional online feature. A complete collection of classroom materials to support language development instruction such as big books, activity sheets, performance assessment ideas and observation sheets is available at an additional cost.

Learn to Speak English

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also HyperGlot, Athelstan, Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Info from: Levy, Healey; ESL Linc, Chantril's
Description: A complete CD-ROM-based course that includes video and audio recordings, exercises, games, and a 350-page textbook to help learners improve listening comprehension, grammar, and writing skills. Each lesson begins with a setting and a dialog. The settings follow a visitor to the U.S. through customs, getting a hotel, exchanging money, to furnishing an apartment and shopping for food. The students can expand their study of the language presented in the settings and dialogs through the use of cultural notes, vocabulary study (hear the word, definitions, notes about usage), grammar notes, exercises (fill in the blank, sentence writing, scrambled sentences, listening dictation), pronunciation work (listen to the model pronunciation, record voice and play back), and a test of both grammatical and functional language knowledge. The Windows version uses speech-recognition technology to evaluate pronunciation on a scale of 'Tourist' to 'Native.' QuickTime movies show cultural points of interest in the US. System 7 or higher is required on the Macintosh version.

Learning English: Home & Family

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning   See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-12, Adult
Special use: Elementary
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: A comprehensive ESL program designed for students in grades 4-12 using a theme-based multimedia approach. Each unit introduces vocabulary and tests student comprehension of theme-related information. Students listen to and read conversations between characters, write and practice speaking their own related conversations and complete a variety of other instructional activities including computer-based TPR and task completions. If using an IBM or compatible, this program runs under Windows.

Learning English: Neighborhood Life

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning   See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Beginning   For: All but HE
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: A comprehensive ESL program designed for students in grades 4-12 using a theme-based multimedia approach. Each unit introduces vocabulary and tests student comprehension of theme-related information. Students listen to and read conversations between characters, write and practice speaking their own related conversations and complete a variety of other instructional activities including computer-based TPR and task completions. Themes covered include: shopping, entertainment, banking, asking for directions, and using the library among others.

Learning English: Primary

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-3
Special use: elementary
Description: A series of six programs following a theme-based, integrated approach to ESL. Each program consists of three components--Story Reader, Story Thinker (comprehension questions and activities) and Word Time. The six programs in the series are: Me, Myself and I (new friends and parts of the body); Animal Antics (the world of animals); The Time Shop (seasons and time concepts); World of Numbers (grouping, counting and comparing sets of objects); School Days (people, places, activities and objects found in school); and Home, Sweet Home (things in and

around the home). Requires CD-ROM drive. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows.

Let's Do Business

Machine: Win
Publisher: Abacus Communications See also Wida
Purchasing options: UK£100
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: Business
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM for business English that makes extensive use of video clips to demonstrate situations. A variety of exercises are available, including multiple choice, gap-filling, matching, and true-false. British and Australian English are prominent.

Let's Go Interactive

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: DynEd International See also Oxford University Press
Approximate single-unit price: $600 Purchase options: 1 level for $130; site and lab
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K -4
Special use: Elementary; bilingual (Sp, Port., Jap.); literacy
Info from: Bishop
Description: A six-level, 12 CD-ROM series designed for children ages 4-10 (pre-readers and early readers), adapted from the American English textbook series by Oxford University Press. Animated cats provide guidance throughout. Each lesson builds on the previous ones. Each level contains 8 units with conversation, vocabulary, grammar, and phonics lessons plus songs and a game, following a grammatical syllabus. A teacher's book, other classroom aids, and some bilingual versions are also available. 1 level for $129; networkable.

M-Power Your Business English

Machine: Win
Publisher: International Business Images See also Wida
Purchasing options: UK£30
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: Business
Description: A variety of CD-ROM-based exercises to improve business English, though many activities would be applicable to general language learners as well. Topics include Business, Communications, Companies, Finance, Import/Export, Industry, Marketing, and Personnel. Activities include Pronunciation, Hangman, Definitions, Word Order, Anagram, Maths, and Identify. British English.

Making Connections 1

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12
Special use: science/technology
Info from: Statan
Description: Companion software for the Making Connections textbook series. This series of three CD-ROMs (levels 1, 2, and 3) incorporates listening, note taking, chart building, and lateral thinking skills in high school contexts. Topics are drawn from science, social studies, literature, and math. The programs have recently been adopted by the State of California.

MayaQuest

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services

Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: grade 4-9
Description: Includes an on-line component designed to encourage students to explore the ancient Mayan ruins. On CD-ROM or on disks.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

New Dynamic English

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $1500 Purchase options: $500 per level; networkable
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-8
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap, It, Kor, Chi, Fr, Port)
Description: Four-level listening-based course, each level with two CD-ROMs. Includes speech recognition for answers. Primary focus is on basic language concepts. In each lesson, information is presented in the form of narratives via sound and graphics with text, glossary, speech record, and repetition always available to the student. Follow-up exercises include Questions generated by the student by clicking on icons or words from the lesson; Matrix Game in which the student accrues points for correctly answering questions using vocabulary presented in the lesson; Dictation exercises requiring the student to listen carefully to a series of sentences from the lesson and select words from a list and place them in the gaps in the sentences; Fill-in exercises where missing words are placed in sentences from the lesson. Grammatical and lexical knowledge is reinforced in all games and exercises along with listening comprehension. The program adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions to the student's demonstrated level of proficiency.
Suitable to be used as primary course material, supplemental resource, or self-access material in a language lab (index of lessons lends itself well to self-paced instruction). Networkable. $1495 for the whole set, $495 per level.

Q Kids

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $1000 Purchase options: Components also sold separately.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: CD-ROMs, readers, audio and video cassettes are part of this comprehensive program for young learners of English. A variety of activities. QKids Kit includes QSteps Kit ($470) and QSurf Kit ($600). QSteps 1 and 2 CD-ROMs can be purchased separately from the videos, audio cassettes, teacher's manual, and other Kit components for $140. QSurf 1 and 2 CD-ROMs can be purchased separately for $140. Lab, network, and site options are also available.

Smart Start Language Software

Machine: Win
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
Approximate single-user price: $50 Purchasing options: site, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc (as Triple Play Plus)
Description: Formerly known as Triple Play Plus. Features speech recognition technology, which listens to and evaluates a spoken response in exercises. Extensive set of exercises and games to help students practice over 1000 words and phrases. Learners will need some help initially in interpreting the on-screen icons (not all icons are intuitive, especially cross-culturally). Runs under Windows 3.1 or higher from a CD-ROM.

STEPS English Language Development

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Intermediate For: Grade 4-up

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Info from: Paxton
Description: The Steps program is for students who are linguistically more advanced than those who use the Jostens English Language Development program (ELD). It was developed in conjunction with Dade County Schools and the state of Florida. Each unit comes with black line masters and other materials and ideas. The units themselves are NOT meant to stand alone; i.e., they should be used without the other materials and off-computer learning.
The Steps Intermediate program has the following units: 1) Who am I?; 2) Home and Family; 3) Healthy Living; 4) Food Time; 5) At Play; 6) At the Mall; 7) Community.
The Steps Advanced program includes: 1) Communications; 2) The U.S.; 3) You and Your Environment; 4) Technology: New and Improved; 5) Careers and Contributions.

Stickybear's Early Learning Activities

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Optimum Resource
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: $100 school version
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K-6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Introduces young children to the English alphabet, counting, shapes, opposites and colors. Instructions for the six different activity options for each lesson objective can be in either English or Spanish. The lessons can be done either following computer prompts or in a more independent exploration mode. Available on disk or CD-ROM.

Story Club

Machine: Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure Purchase options: Part of Davidson Literacy Program
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: elementary
Info from: Healey
Description: This is an extensive program that uses multi-cultural folktales as the basis for a whole language approach. The target audience is K-6, but older children and adults can also enjoy the stories. The CD-ROM has digitized speech and graphics that enhance the computer-based activities designed for classroom use and individualized study. Students can read as they listen to the folktales, work on vocabulary, and do writing tasks (with graphics from the story that they can color in, if they so desire). In addition, it has teacher-led activities using barcode-controlled videodiscs. Extensive teacher's manuals are provided. Installation is included with some network purchases.
Price is approximately $6,000 - $12,000 depending upon the system configuration and the number of users.

TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: TESOL
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Any
Description: A collection of freeware, shareware, and publisher demos for ESL. Many small programs on a variety of topics, for a range of levels and skill areas. Individual programs are copiable. CD-ROM.

DISCUSSION

Amazon Trail II

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-4
Description: Amazon Trail is a simulation of a trip up the Amazon River (and through time). The goal is to search for a medicinal plant that can save the ancient Incas from malaria. As students travel up the Amazon River they explore the rain forest, visit historical people and landmarks, trade with the people of the region, navigate and fish for food. The program comes with teacher's manuals and student worksheets that facilitate cooperative learning-based lessons and communicative language development. CD-ROM version. The earlier version is on disk and is slightly less expensive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

Amnesty Interactive

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Amnesty International See also Educorp
Approximate single-unit price: $15 Purchase options: £15 in EU
Level: Advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey; ESL Linc
Description: This interactive CD-ROM from Amnesty International presents information about the struggle for human rights throughout history. Information is organized by geographical location, time in history, and famous people. Both human rights abuses and human rights successes are shown. The material is sometimes presented relatively rapidly, requiring learners to listen or read a second time.

Civilization II

Machine: Win
Publisher: MicroProse
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Rogers
Description: The strength of this program is in the way students must link their own game-playing strategies with the way that inventions and technology might have been discovered and developed: you can't have literature without writing, and you can't have writing without the alphabet; and this applies all the way up to building a space-station.
Students obtain knowledge through reading about the developments on screen (the file that creates them can be edited easily if required). One thing that I and a colleague (who used the game in a larger context) agree on is that the most important factor is the recording of information by the students as they play. He also gets them to write a summary of the day's play. I asked mine to copy the screens as they appeared. Effective for group work or individual play.
Before teachers use the program they should run it several times themselves but should be careful as it is addictive.
I would also recommend a companion book (unavailable here): Wilson, Johnny L. and Alan Emrich. Sid Meier's Civilization: or Rome on 640k a day. Prima Publishing: California, 1992.

Community Exploration

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $20
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: ESL Linc

Description: Learners interact with people in different settings in the virtual community of Cornerstone. They can take trips to the airport, supermarket, library, museum, bank, bus station, and other common locations around town. They will need tasks set by a teacher, however, for language learning benefit.

Cross Country Canada/USA

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Ingenuity Works
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Using a realistic, yet fun visual format this geography simulation lets students take on the role of a long distance truck driver. Students make decisions about finding and delivering in a timely fashion up to 52 different commodities to 180 cities. Students need to read maps, calculate distances, estimate expenses, and plan cost-effective routes from coast to coast. The program and accompanying teacher's manual offer many possibilities for ESL/EFL communicative language practice through cooperative learning tasks. Also available: Cross Country California and Cross Country Texas. On disk and Mac/Windows CD-ROM. Demo version is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

Decisions, Decisions Series

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey
Description: Students work in groups to use the software and text materials to make decisions. Students check the printed materials for additional background information. As a group they prioritize their goals, receive multiple perspectives on the issues from their 'advisors' in the computer, discuss their options and input their course of action to the computer. The computer presents the consequences and the 'advisors' reappear to offer the students help in dealing with them prior to another round of decisions, actions and consequences. These programs work well in a one-computer classroom. The following are ones most likely to be of interest to ESL/EFL students.
Immigration: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number of dilemmas related to immigration policy in the U.S.
Prejudice: Students take the role of a mayor up for re-election in a town with a racism problem. Their 'advisors' in the computer are an historian, a campaign manager, a lawyer and an activist.
The Environment: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number a dilemmas related to environmental damage in a small town.
Urbanization: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number of dilemma related to the costs and benefits of urbanization for a small town.
Violence in the Media: Students take the role of an advertising executive for a company sponsoring a controversial television program about life in a gang-infested urban neighborhood.
Titles are $150 each, with lab, network, and site licensing available. The program is on CD-ROM or disk.

Destination Mars!

Machine: Win, Mac, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Advanced For: Grade 7-12
Special use: science
Info from: Milton

Description: A space adventure activity; on disk or CD-ROM.

Escape from Planet Arizona

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: EF Multimedia See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-5
Info from: CJ 7:3 (1997); Chorus, DigiEnglish
Description: This CD-ROM uses QuickTime VR, digitized video clips, and animation to create a virtual reality setting. Learners take the role of an alien whose spaceship has crashed in the Arizona desert. They must converse with the people in a small town nearby in order to find the seven objects needed to repair the ship. The questions that learners ask are pre-scripted and chosen from a menu; language development comes from the responses of the townspeople. Since what the townspeople say is quite natural and colloquial, a transcript (with an optional translation into French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, or Swedish) and an online glossary are provided. One of the strongest elements of the program is that learners have to do tasks with the information to get to the next step, which means that learners have to thoroughly comprehend what the townspeople have said. A demo can be downloaded at http://www.ef.com/mm/products/planet.html; reviews are available online at http://www.chorus.cycor.ca/Duber/escape.html and in print form in CÆLL Journal 7:3 (1997).

Factory, The

Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Approximate single-unit price: $90 Purchase options: $90 for lab pack of 5
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 4-8 grade
Special use: bilingual
Description: Simulated machine assembly line. Also available in Spanish as La Fabrica, but only in Mac format. English version available for Mac, DOS and Windows. Available on disk or CD-ROM for Mac or Windows.

Gus Goes to Cybertown

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Modern Media Ventures See also EduCorp
Approximate single-unit price: $20
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: literacy
Info from: Pacheco
Description: This can be used to identify food items and build up vocabulary on food and drinks, identify animals, practice clothing items, and do other beginning-level vocabulary tasks. We use lessons prepared according to what we are teaching to our students. (MPacheco)

Hollywood High

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Theatrix Interactive See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site, lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 7-adult
Info from: Healey
Description: Like its predecessor Hollywood, Hollywood High has students write and direct an animated show with talking characters. The settings and characters are high school-oriented, so this is more attractive to teens but less useful for adults than Hollywood. Students select the scene and characters, place and move the actors, write the dialogue, and choose the special effects. Because it uses synthesized rather than digitized voices, they can be odd. It's possible to tweak the spelling to improve the pronunciation, but the point of this is the dialogue among the learners

creating the show, not the end result itself. This is not recommended as a listening skill builder, but it's a great tool for discussion at the computer. Requires a CD-ROM drive. (DH)

InfoGap Lab 1.3

Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: SpeakEasy Software
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: site license negotiable
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Description: The program runs on two computers at once. The computers should be adjacent, since the students need to speak to each other, but set up so that the students can't see one another's screen. The partnered students ask question and try to describe the pictures on their screens. There are two basic types of activities. In the first, one student sees a screen with a number of pictures and the partner sees one of the pictures. By asking questions, the first student tries to figure out which picture the other sees. In the second activity, both students see full screen pictures, but they differ in various small ways. Students click on specific locations on their screens to confirm the differences/similarities. There are seven different topics: faces, clothes, jobs, activities, differences, locations, and directions. This runs on Windows.

Oregon Trail II

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: Students make decisions following a simulated trip along the Oregon Trail. They can choose the month and year to start, with different hazards accordingly. The program has excellent graphics and a lot of information is presented on screen in the course of the simulation. Includes digitized speech. This lends itself to use in cooperative learning plans where each student in a team has responsibility for monitoring different information. There are a lot of resources about this period such as pioneer journals that can be used effectively in conjunction with this program. Having the students keep a journal of their simulated trip also works well as an extension activity. On CD-ROM. The earlier version, Oregon Trail, is still available in disk or CD-ROM version and is slightly less expensive.

SimCity Classic

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Maxis Software See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: Deluxe version, network version avail.
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: CD (5:6/1989); Taylor; Jones; Langford
Description: In this city simulation, learners plan and manage a city through periods of growth, recession, and various natural disasters. Getting started takes a fair bit of time and teacher work to prepare students, even at advanced levels. Once learners know the basics, however, the activity is very engaging. This works best as a group activity since many different areas need simultaneous attention to avoid the city's financial collapse and/or physical destruction.
Other variations include SimEarth, SimAnt, SimCity 2000, SimTown, and SimTower. SimTown is described below.
A demo version is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

SimTown

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Maxis Software See also EduCorp
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Egbert

Description: A CD-ROM based simulation where students build and manage a small town. The program features animated graphics showing people in houses, buildings and around town. Students can even design the citizens of the town--the kinds of clothes they wear, where they eat, where they go each day etc. As the town grows it uses up water and produces garbage so teams of students need to negotiate how they will keep their town growing and healthy.

Storybook Maker/Deluxe

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab $135
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-4
Special use: Elementary; literacy
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Learners use the included picture cards to create a story that they can then tell to their classmates. Learners click on and drag the images they want to the desired location on the page. Students can also type in words. The Deluxe version reads words letter by letter, word by word, or by sentence and supports QuickTime movies. This graphical program will require a task set by the teacher for students to have much language learning benefit from using it. Runs on a CD-ROM under Windows or on the Mac.

Where in the World /USA/ Europe/America's Past/Time is Carmen Sandiego?

Machine: Mac/Win, DOS
Publisher: Broderbund See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: STDOT, Towne, Beller-Kenner
Description: Detective mystery/ adventure. Students need to use travel and geographic clues to solve the mystery.
From Gary Towne:
I first used an older version of Carmen on a HD-less AT. I highly recommend having an atlas and an international almanac that includes color pictures of the flags of the world on just a few pages to facilitate easy scanning. If your class has a variety of ethnicities represented, the class-room corporate knowledge of the world should be fairly diverse, but there are often some real stumpers in Carmen that maybe no one would know. I asked for volunteers to take turns on the keyboard, to handle the atlas and almanac, as well as to record the clues and progress on the board for all to see. This makes the progress more logical. Also, I had the students take turns reading the text on the screen. They loved it. Some of us ended up staying after school to try to catch Carmen, because too much class time would be used to finish the whole game. This is where having a computer lab of some sort would be useful. Enjoy!

Who is Oscar Lake?

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Language Publications Interactive See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: bilingual versions (Sp, Fr, Ger, It)
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM interactive mystery. Versions are available in a variety of languages, so students could try it in their language first, then again in English.

GRAMMAR

50 TOEFL Grammar Tests

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Teletext
Approximate single-unit price: $90
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Description: 50 practice tests from Section 2, Structure and Written Expression.

Azar Interactive

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: DigiEnglish
Description: Over fifty grammar topics, with exercises, grammar charts, readings with grammar in context, audio clips, and video clips based on the well-known text. The grammar charts tend to be hard to read, due to the point size chosen. The exercises on this CD-ROM supplement the text.

CALL for English Library Disks

Machine: Win, Mac, DOS
Publisher: Wida See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: TOEFL
Description: Eurocentres teachers have used Wida's authoring programs and created ready-to-go library disks for almost all levels, elementary to advanced, concentrating on vocabulary, grammar practice, etc., but also exam practice including TOEFL. There are 35 disks in all. 27 of the titles are available in Macintosh format (contact the publisher for details). Windows version due out in February 1999; that will be called the Eurocentres CALL Library for English. These packages are now sold by Wida.

Canadian Links for ESL

Machine: DOS
Publisher: NAS Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $195 Purchase options: site license $595
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 9-12, Adult
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: Designed for new immigrants to Canada, this uses multiple choice quizzes, typing and dragging exercises, and database searches on health, job search, vocabulary, grammar, literacy, and life skills topics. Minimum hardware requirements: 286 IBM/compatible, color monitor, mouse.

Corpus Collections

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Higgins, Beller-Kenner
Description: These collections are to be used with a concordancer, such as MonoConc or MicroConcord, which lets you search large text libraries for all occurrences of a word. This is an excellent way of dealing with many questions which arise out of corrections of written work, such as "What is the difference between first and at first?" or "..I don't care and I don't mind?" Collection A taken from "The Independent" newspaper; Collection B taken from OUP publications.

Diagnostic Prescriptive Grammar

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Opp-Beckman
Description: The native-speaker program practices parts of speech. Diagnostic tests determine a student's understanding of grammar and direct him/her to the appropriate lesson to improve performance. Each lesson focuses on a particular grammar skill, is self correcting, and allows students to advance without teacher intervention. I couldn't get the program to run on my 8600 Mac running OS8, but the publisher may have corrected the problem by now. (LOB)

English Easy--Grammar

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab pack $300 for 10
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-12, Adult
Description: Versions I for beginners and Version II for intermediate students.

English Easy: Conversations

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood Multimedia Corp.
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack $235 for 10
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 3-12, Adult
Info from: Jabaji
Description: English Easy series are designed specifically for students learning to speak English. Students can focus on the oral/aural aspect of the language, brush up on their grammar knowledge or hone their conversational skill and, at the same time, learn more about North American culture. Tutorial sessions are available to help Chinese and Japanese students navigate through the program.
Interactive dialogues depicting common North American scenarios illustrate applications of pronunciations and grammar. Relevant vocabulary is introduced for each subject matter so that students can associate them readily. Skill-testing questions are designed to give students added practice in listening and reacting to normal speech.
Good sound quality and graphics. (RJ)

English Grammar Computerized I and II

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Wachman
Description: A pair of programs designed for review of and practice in applying grammar rules. The core of both modules consists of drill-type grammar exercises. Users choose topics (e.g., present progressive) and lessons (e.g., spelling 'ing' forms, negatives, etc.) via menus. The program gives immediate feedback after each answer, including symbolic notation indicating types of errors and reminders of rules. After three incorrect attempts, the program gives the correct answer. Points are awarded based on the number of tries before the correct answer is given. At any time, menus may be used to access program instructions and extensive reviews of rules with examples. Program I includes topics such as the verb 'to be,' present, simple past, and future tenses, modals, pronouns, and comparatives. Program II includes present perfect, periphrastic modals, passives, and conditionals. Students who like to drill themselves enjoy working individually or in pairs in a laboratory setting. Teachers can assign review and practice based on individual need.

ESL Bilingual Demons
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Description: Multiple-choice program helps students cope with troublesome points of English grammar, usage, and spelling. Similar to ESL Demons, but with instructions and explanations in Spanish. Networkable.

ESL Demons
Machine: DOS, Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab, network, site; 3 sets for $130
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: Multiple-choice program helps students cope with troublesome points of English grammar, usage and spelling. Networkable.

ESL Renegades
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $125 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Website
Description: Exercises target grammar, usage , and spelling errors. The bundle includes Levels A, B and C. Correct answers lead to the capture of a renegade character. Designed for ESL.

ESL TOEFL Prep
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Description: More than 500 multiple-choice questions intended to prepare intermediate and advanced ESL students for the written TOEFL.

Eurocentres CALL Library
Machine: Win
Publisher: Wida Purchase options: £75 for 1-5 users
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: Ten volumes of exercises to use with the Wida Authoring Suite programs (Gapmaster, Storyboard, Matchmaster, Choicemaster, Testmaster). These have been ported from the DOS-based CALL for English originals. Volumes include Elementary Grammar, Vocabulary, and Functions; Intermediate Grammar and Vocabulary; Advanced Grammar, Vocabulary, and Functions; Cambridge Proficiency Practice, and International Business Topics.

Findword
Machine: Win
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Higgins
Description: This is a program to retrieve words containing specified letters, sounds, or belonging to specified grammar categories. Runs under Windows 95. Requires additional download from Oxford Text Archive. Free for download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

Focus on Grammar series

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Exceller Software   See also Addison Wesley, Longman, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $100   Purchase options: lab (5): $300, (10) $500; network: $750
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-6
Info from: Sellers
Description: A CD-ROM produced in 1996 as a companion work to Focus on Grammar: An Intermediate Course for Reference and Practice by Marjorie Fuchs and Miriam Westheimer with Margaret Bonner, Longman, 1994. Basic, intermediate, high intermediate, and advanced levels are now available. Each level is $100 for a single user, a lab pack (5) for $299, (10) $499, and network license for $750.
Fully capable of standing alone, this CD-ROM has quite a range of activities for explaining, practicing, and testing all the grammar points covered in the textbook. While the explanations, charts, appendices are the same as in the textbook, I believe all the many, many interactive exercises are different. As a bonus, there are also some reading comprehension passages with questions and some writing prompts, both featuring the grammar structure(s) under study. I'd recommend this CD for all levels of proficiency except very beginning. It starts with simple present and present continuous and winds its way 'upwards.' It doesn't cover such advanced topics as conditionals or odd-ball tenses like future perfect, but it does a very nice job of presenting and practicing grammar topics generally regarded as being of lower to intermediate difficulty. There's some good material on gerunds, infinitives and verbs with prepositions which have affinities for one or the other. One feature allows students to keep a record of their success on the various exercises, and the built-in word processor makes it easy for students to respond to the writing prompts and to print out their compositions for teachers or peers to read. There's a built-in User's Manual too. As of this writing (January 1997) I haven't used the CD with students yet and I haven't worked with it extensively on a trial basis, so there may be pitfalls and glitches of which I'm not aware. However, I am very much looking forward to turning my lower intermediate grammar students loose on it. (A. Sellers)

GesslerQ Review

Machine: Win
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $355   Purchase options: Components also sold separately.
Level: Intermediate   For: All but K-6
Description: Three sets of CD-ROMs for a multimedia review of reading, grammar, and vocabulary. Reading 1 and 2 have a variety of texts including letters, magazine articles, stories, and humor. Grammar 1 and 2 review English tenses with anecdotes, short stories, articles, and dialogues. Vocabulary 1 and 2 use video clips with topics including leisure and hobbies, the environment, and the world of entertainment. Exercises and practice tests are included in all of these sets. Each set of two CD-ROMs can be purchased separately for $140. Lab, network, and site options are also available.

Grammar 3D: Contextualized Practice for Learners of English

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-6
Info from: Catalog, ESL Loc
Description: Grammar exercises prepared for ESL students ranging from high beginning to advanced. Features student control of exercise sequence and record-keeping. Can be used in conjunction with any grammar text. CD-ROM.

Grammar Demons
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site; 3 sets for $130
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Loc
Description: This native speaker program offers drill and practice with troublesome points of grammar. Each sentence contains up to four underlined choices, one of which contains a common error in usage, diction, grammatical relationship, or punctuation. In response to a wrong answer, the program shows the corrected sentence and explains why it is right. A demo can be downloaded from the website.

Grammar Mastery II Series A, B, C
Machine: DOS
Publisher: ALA See also Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $225 Purchase options: lab packs, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: STDOT; Adato, Pomann, Seaver, Beller-Kenner; ESL Loc
Description: Grammar tutorial and drill program. Six lesson disks in each series work on specific grammar areas, from BE verbs to complex sentences. Series A is beginning level; Series C is advanced.

Grammar Rom
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: Intermediate-level grammar exercises for British English with video, sound, voice-recording, and cartoon graphics on CD-ROM. Includes section tests to monitor progress and on-screen audio help in English, Spanish, French, German or Italian.

HangWord 3.1
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Stevens, Vance and Steve Millmore Purchase options: shareware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Description: A whole-text deletion program that lets teachers add any plain text file. Now sold as part of the package SuperCloze, Hangword, and Hangman. (See SuperCloze.)

Heinle & Heinle TOEFL Test Preparation Software
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Healey; ESL Loc
Description: Features digitized audio input for practice of the listening section, integrated reference areas for listening, grammar and reading with direct links to related test questions, and the option of studying in either self-paced or timed mode. Includes practice of specific question types and complete simulated tests. Itemized test scores can be printed out to monitor progress. This program reflects changes in the TOEFL as of July 1995. Runs under Windows and on the Macintosh.

I Speak English - Advanced Language Acquisition (TOEFL)
Machine: Win
Publisher: Intechnica
Approximate single-unit price: $360 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6

Special use: TOEFL
Description: A multimedia CD-ROM designed to prepare post-secondary students for TOEFL, BEST, and other standardized language tests used in higher education and adult basic education. 40+ lesson program is divided into four sections.

Inside the SAT/ACT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $25
Level: Advanced For: 9-12
Description: Practice with SAT and ACT tests, designed for native speakers; text is by the Princeton Review. CD-ROM.

Kaplan SAT, PSAT, ACT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Kaplan
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-8
Description: Preparation for SAT, PSAT, and ACT tests. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

LinguaSy Grammar Guide v1.11

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy Purchase options: free
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Opp-Beckman
Description: Complete grammar of English written in intermediate level English. Can be used independently or in conjunction with The Sentence Transformer. You can copy, use and distribute this guide in any way you like.
Supplied in the format of a Windows help file. Runs on Win 3.1 or later (including Win 95).
Mouse recommended.
Freeware; the complete program can be downloaded from:
http://www.classicweb.com/usr/jseng/sean/ls_home.htm

MicroConcord

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $195 Purchase options: $400 site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Stevens, Higgins; CJ 5:1 1994; STDOT
Description: A versatile and fast concordancer, very professionally done. It works on huge text files and produces concordance output on screen which can be manipulated in numerous ways (e.g. sorted by 1 to n words to right or left of target, source text can be accessed, non-productive items ejected, printing to file, etc.). Comes with an excellent manual explaining many uses of concordancers. The optional corpora are separated into business, science, humanities, etc. texts, generally taken from British newspapers. Recently upgraded.

Mindstorm TOEIC

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Mindstorm
Approximate single-unit price: $75
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Info from: Chorus, ESL Line
Description: This CD-ROM prepares students for the TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication), a test with a focus on English for Business. The CD contains not only practice with the multiple-choice test but also test-taking hints, listening practice with famous speeches, and

a multimedia game called Maze where learners have to answer grammar and vocabulary questions to escape. Help sections are in Japanese. Reviewer Brian Rhodes (http://www.chorus.cycor.ca/Duber/toeic.html) comments that the program suffers from poor audio and a lack of feedback on individual test items, but that the practice should be useful for those interested in the TOEIC.

One Step at a Time

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, HE
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: This program was designed to accompany the writing and grammar series of the same name. Interactive computer tutorials accompany each chapter of the text. With this program students can access a word processor to write assignments collaboratively or independently. Lesson activities are also designed to be done in pairs collaboratively. Computer-based tests for each level use randomly generated questions in a multiple-choice format. A feedback screen on test performance can be printed out or saved for record-keeping purposes. Sample software is free from the publisher. Level 1 and Level 2 sold separately.

Parlance Grammar

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Parlance Software
Approximate single-unit price: $75 Purchase options: $15 for group of 36 lessons
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Plain ESL grammar tutorial and drill divided into 180 lessons representing 959 grammar rules. Each rule is accompanied by specific examples showing proper and improper construction. Designed for adult learners. Each lesson is supported by two sets of exercises. The first exercise requires students to choose the incorrect form among four examples of the rule applied in a multi-sentence context. The second exercise is a multiple-choice, fill-in the blank. This program is of most use for students who are interested in a systematic approach to grammar instruction or who need careful review of specific grammar points.

Perfect Copy English

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Logicus
Approximate single-unit price: $200 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Jabaji; ESL Linc
Description: This self-paced program contains 500 stories and letters to edit at three reading levels and three interest levels (youth, teen, adult). Students have access to help in the form of a word list, context-sensitive grammar rules, and clues such as highlighting sentences and words with errors and modeling a correct version of the article. A record-keeping function tracks student progress in working through the skill areas the program addresses: abbreviations, punctuation, subject-verb agreement, irregular verbs, numbers, pronouns, easily confused words, and general editing.

Power TOEFL CD-ROM

Machine: Win
Publisher: Teletext
Approximate single-unit price: $100
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL

Description: Covers listening comprehension, grammar, and reading for the new computer-based TOEFL. CD-ROM.

Scrambled Countries Game

Machine: DOS
Publisher: CELIA
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual (French, German, Spanish)
Info from: Stevens, Kenner
Description: A geography-based word and grammar game. The primary purpose of this 'game' is to immerse students in a target language environment while focusing their attention away from direct focus on the language itself. Instructions are available in four languages. Once underway, however, the student must work entirely in the target language. The basic game consists of anagrams of the world's countries. As hints, the country's capital city, continent, and language are provided. A variety of synonymous sentences are used so that the students is passively exposed to multiple forms. The package runs in any of four languages: English, French, Spanish, or German. In each case, there are secondary grammar points covered, such as capitalization, use of articles, gender, etc. Not authorable.

Sentence Transformer v3.00

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: $25 site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Description: The kind of sentence transformation exercises found in the Cambridge FCE and CPE examinations. Each question has two levels of help -a simple hint and then a direct link to the relevant grammar topic in the on-line Grammar Guide. There is also AutoCorrection, which formats the student's input before processing it to avoid 'mistakes' due to forgetting to add a full stop or capitalise the first letter, etc. Comes with 100 pre-loaded questions with room to add many more. 5+ answers for each question. Very easy to use. A demo can be downloaded or the program ordered from the Internet at http://www.classicweb.com/usr/jseng/sean/ls_home.htm. The price includes a site license.

Targeting Phrasal Verbs v1.10

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: $70 site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Publisher
Description: Simple multiple choice format program with a question and four possible answers involving choosing the right phrasal verb. Includes and on-line (editable) dictionary of phrasal verbs and full help. Very easy to use.
Price includes site license. The program can be ordered over the Internet at:
http://www.classicweb.com/usr/jseng/sean/ls_home.htm

Targeting Prepositions v2.10

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: $70 site license
Level: Beginning For: All
Description: Simple multiple choice format program with a question and four possible answers involving choosing the right preposition. Includes an on-line (editable) dictionary of phrasal verbs and full help. Very easy to use. Runs under Win 3.1 or later (including Win 95). Mouse recommended. Price includes a full site licence.

A demo of the program or online purchase is available from:
http://www.classicweb.com/usr/jseng/sean/ls_home.htm

Targeting Verbs

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $15 Purchase options: $15 site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: Multiple-choice practice, designed for ESL/EFL. An online, authorable dictionary is also included. Very simple interface.

Tense Buster

Machine: Win
Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants See also NAS Educational Software, Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $75 Purchase options: $300 for all 5 levels; lab, site packs
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Covers selected grammar areas through presentations, practice exercises, rules, tests and learner training tips. Sound is part of the Windows version, as well. There are five courses, Beginning through Advanced. The courses are sold separately or as a bundle. The Free Authoring Kit lets you add your own material and adapt the courses to the exact needs of your students. A demo can be downloaded from the website. CD-ROM.

Three Puzzles

Machine: DOS
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders See also Computer Assisted Learning
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: CJ (2:1/1991); Taylor
Description: Text manipulation programs, including Invenntion.

TOEFL Mastery 3.1

Machine: Win
Publisher: ALA See also Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $160 Purchase options: quantity discounts, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL Prep
Info from: N.Johnson, Beller-Kenner
Description: TOEFL Mastery is a test preparation software package featuring practice exercises and full-length, timed practice tests following the question formats used in the TOEFL. The program includes a tutorial on how to use the program features, practice exercises, practice section tests, two full-length tests, a tutorial on test taking strategies, score reporting and high quality digitized audio for the listening section. Students can review their mistakes, get feedback on their incorrect answer choices, and have another chance to answer the questions they missed or skipped. Requires CD-ROM drive and audio card.

TOEFL Mentor

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Encomium Publications See also Wida, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Beller-Kenner, Sachs
Description: TOEFL Mentor is a HyperCard-like program that runs off a CD-ROM and includes tutorials, practice tests and timed tests for all sections of the TOEFL test: Structure and Grammar, Listening Comprehension, and Reading Comprehension. In addition, test taking strategies and tips

are available for both the TOEFL and the Test of Written English. We've had positive response from students and faculty who have used it, and have had some success in using it in a workshop environment where more traditional materials (books and tapes) are also available for students to use. (Sachs) Encomium will update TOEFL Mentor to reflect future changes in the content/format of the TOEFL test by ETS. Demos are available for downloading from the Encomium Publications web page at http://www.encomium.com. See Tom Robb's review of the program at http://www.kyoto-su.ac.jp/people/teacher/trobb/mentor/mr2.html

TOEFL Mentor, Web-based

Machine: Win
Publisher: Encomium Publications Purchase options: network
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Special use: TOEFL
Description: TOEFL practice program that can be run stand-alone or over a network. Slated for March 1999. Requires a multimedia PC, Internet Explorer 4.0, Netscape 4.0 or higher, plug-ins; 32MB RAM minimum.

TOEFL Practice Test

Machine: DOS
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Kenner, Beller-Kenner
Description: A set of 30 practice drills modeled on the TOEFL test. This diagnostic test refers students to supplementary readings and exercises contained in a series of standard texts, whose titles are provided. The program is designed so that a novice programmer can easily change the items and produce new exercises.

TOEFL Sampler

Machine: Win
Publisher: Educational Testing Service Purchase options: freeware
Level: Advanced For: 9-12, HE
Description: Preparation for the computer-based TOEFL with some sample items. Mostly consists of computer familiarization activities. CD-ROM.

Tutor Tapes Grammar Series

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: TutorTapes Purchase options: see pub. for individual title prices
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren, Seaver
Description: TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes. A catalog is available from the publisher.

Verbalist

Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
See also CALL-IS MS DOS Library Purchase options: shareware; $5 or £1.5 to charity
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins, Beller-Kenner
Description: A verb-forming algorithm which allows learners to build up any verb-phrase that is acceptable in English and to see the inflectional rules used to create it. Also contains information on help pages about transitivity, stative verbs, tenses and aspect. Download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

Writer's Choice Interactive Grammar Workbook

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Glencoe McGraw-Hill
Approximate single-unit price: $250 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 6-12
Description: The program offers drills, learning hints, examples, automatic grading, performance graphs and summary reports. $250 per level, from grade 6-12. Can be installed on a network.

LISTENING

Accelerated English I, II, III, IV

Machine: Win
Publisher: Courseware Publishing International See also Harcourt-Brace
Approximate single-unit price: $400 Purchase options: site license, lab packs
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: Advanced level multimedia interactive American English programs using a combination of 'soap opera' approach and current events/issues to maintain user interest. Main 'soap opera' story concerns a foreign student in the US to study marketing. Useful for TOEFL prep and developing listening skills to function in an English-speaking academic environment. Requires CD-ROM drive and speakers, 286 or better PC with 1 MB RAM, and DOS 5.0 or better. Single user price $400 for set of 3 CDs. Master site license for all CPI titles available. Special student price of $95 for set of three CDs at schools with a master site license.

Active English, Part I: Fall; II: Winter; III: Spring; IV: Summer

Machine: Win
Publisher: Courseware Publishing International
See also Wida, Athelstan, Comenius, Harcourt-Brace
Approximate single-unit price: $400 Purchase options: site license, lab packs
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton; Wachman
Description: Intermediate level content-based multimedia interactive programs for building American English comprehension and vocabulary. Students hear a conversation or presentation. They can choose to see the text while listening or rely on their listening skills alone. Comprehension questions and a cloze exercise follow each conversation. The setting is a fictional American school and the four parts follow the school year. Set includes Active English Activities. Master Site License for all CPI titles available. Special student price of $95 for a set of four CDs at schools with a Master site license.

Anatomy & Physiology

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery
Approximate single-unit price: $600
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Grade 9-12
Special use: science
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMAX.

Art Lesson, The

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab packs from $190-2100
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-4
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Students explore and experience a story based on the original work of author Tomie dePaola. They can read the story, hear it read to them by the author, and explore the text and living illustrations. Integrated art activities let students create with the author. Also includes video clips as they explore Tomie dePaola's studio, hear him tell about his childhood experiences, and learn about his life as an author and illustrator. Requires CD-ROM drive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-6 and family literacy settings.

Basic Skills for the Real World

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Wasatch Education Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $300 Purchase options: network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Adult
Special use: literacy
Description: Designed for adults who need reading and writing skills; uses extensive audio. Eight units, sold separately. Each unit includes a management component. The units are Duc and Linh (lifeskills math and numeracy, inferences, map reading); New Challenges (signs, maps, compare products, make appointments, make inferences); Grace Under Pressure (career search, basic home repairs, interpret charts and graphs, auto purchasing and insurance); Amazing Grace (test-taking strategies, time management, price comparison, budgeting, writing ads and letters); Joe Moves Up (job attitudes, phone skills, using a catalog, customer service, cooking); KC Makes Choices (emergency first aid, drugs and alcohol, gangs, getting a job, dealing with learning disabilities, reading comprehension); Linda's New Start (job handbook, customer service, comparison shopping, using a timecard); and Day by Day (computing mileage, reading a map, comparison shopping, making a budget, time management, fact vs. opinion).

Bio Sci II

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Nystrom Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $500
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Bio Sci II Elementary

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $380
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-6 (3-6)
Special use: Science, bilingual, elementary
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Business English Activities

Machine: Win
Publisher: Vektor See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business

Description: Windows-based CD-ROM package uses a mixture of British and American English to help learners practice listening to business English. A dialogue or story is followed by a series of activities, including listening, voice recording and playback, and true/false comprehension questions. This is a six-CD series, with each CD covering a somewhat different area of business communication. 486 or better, Windows 3.1 or later required.

Cell Biology

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Chemistry at Work

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $500
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Children's Classics

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Fr, Ger)
Description: Interactive fairy tales on CD-ROM. Learners can just listen and read, or they can read and record/replay their own voices. Includes a glossary and sequencing, concentration, and multiple choice exercises. Volume 1 has Jack in the Beanstalk, Pinocchio, and Peter Pan. Volume 2 has John Henry, Paul Bunyan, and Pecos Bill. Volumes are sold separately.

Dynamic Business English

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $700 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port), business
Info from: Wachman, McKee
Description: Formerly known as Interactive Business English. Presented in a similar format to Dynamic English for ESL, this listening-based business English course on 6 CD-ROMs offers the listening, speaking, reading, and critical thinking skills for the workplace/international business situation. The topics are Company History, Job History, Manufacturing and Trade, Product Comparisons, Overseas Assignment, and Future Consequences. This content-based program begins with a Presentation during which the student answers periodic listening comprehension questions. These questions reinforce the vocabulary, language concepts, and structure, while giving the students repeated opportunities to respond. The feedback includes an automated "shuffler level" which adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions according to the learner's response. The Question Practice gives the student practice in question formation. Quantitative English, Dictations, the Verb Grid, and Grammar Fill-In test the student's knowledge. The program includes voice recording capability for student practice. Mac and Windows. Individual CDs (one topic each) can be purchased separately.

Dynamic Classics

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: 4 titles for $200; lab, site available
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Jap)
Description: Dramatized retellings of Round the World in 80 days, A Christmas Carol, Alice in Wonderland, and Robin Hood on interactive CD-ROM supported by dictations, fill-ins, character matrix, and on-line comprehension aids. For listening, reading, and vocabulary development. Voice recording. 4 titles for $200; lab, site license available.

English by the Numbers

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab and site
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port, It)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Line
Description: This CD-ROM-based course focuses on the language of numbers and basic mathematics. Useful for students and people in business and technical fields who need to understand or make oral presentations in English, do business over the telephone, participate in question-and-answer sessions involving the exchange of numerical information, and improve listening comprehension. Each unit includes a brief oral presentation followed by practice activities that test listening comprehension. The material is suitable for TOEIC levels 450-750.

English Easy: Conversations

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood Multimedia Corp.
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack $235 for 10
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 3-12, Adult
Info from: Jabaji
Description: English Easy series are designed specifically for students learning to speak English. Students can focus on the oral/aural aspect of the language, brush up on their grammar knowledge or hone their conversational skill and, at the same time, learn more about North American culture. Tutorial sessions are available to help Chinese and Japanese students navigate through the program. Interactive dialogues depicting common North American scenarios illustrate applications of pronunciations and grammar. Relevant vocabulary is introduced for each subject matter so that students can associate them readily. Skill-testing questions are designed to give students added practice in listening and reacting to normal speech. Good sound quality and graphics. (RJ)

English Easy: Vowels and Consonants

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood Multimedia Corp.
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack $235 for 10
Level: Beginning For: 3-12, Adult
Special use: literacy
Info from: Jabaji
Description: English Easy series are designed specifically for students learning to speak English. Students can focus on the oral/aural aspect of the language, brush up on their grammar knowledge or hone their conversational skill and, at the same time, learn more about North American culture. Tutorial sessions are available to help Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) and Japanese students navigate through the program. Emphasizes proper pronunciation of English vowels and consonants. Each new component is followed by listening and spelling exercises to reinforce understanding. Example words are explained using full-coloured graphics and animations to allow

students to associate with them without resorting to their native language. Abstract words have additional multilingual explanations to speed understanding. Requires a CD-ROM drive. (RJ)

English for Business 1
Machine: Win
Publisher: University of Wolverhampton
See also Wida Purchase options: £60
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Business
Description: An MBA student is making a visit to a local brewery in this Windows CD-ROM based program. He interviews the director, hears the company history, and goes on a tour of the brewery and hears about sales, marketing, policy, and the production process. The video and sound sequences are accompanied by various types of exercises, including gap-filling, reordering, and multiple choice. Since this has very long video segments, at least a 486 is recommended. 30MB hard drive space is also required.

FDR
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-4
Description: Archive video and sound clips, virtual tour of FDR's life

Findword
Machine: Win
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Higgins
Description: This is a program to retrieve words containing specified letters, sounds, or belonging to specified grammar categories. Runs under Windows 95. Requires additional download from Oxford Text Archive. Free for download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm

Firsthand Access
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: DynEd International See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $150
Level: Beginning For: 6-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Kor)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: This beginning-level course, based on Longman Group's English Firsthand series, is designed for learners in grades 6-12 and provides about 40 hours of interactive study on CD-ROM. It uses audio and graphics to enhance listening activities. Activities include repetition, comprehension questions, gap-filling exercises, matching words to objects, sentence construction, and voice recording. Sentence structures are presented in the context of everyday conversational functions.

Functioning in Business
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $900 Purchase options: network, lab and site licenses
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: These four CD-ROMs use QuickTime Video and speech recognition technologies to create an engaging learning environment. The course is designed for intermediate level students

preparing to use English in a business context. The primary focus is on practical language functions common in the business world such as requesting, refusing, suggesting, confirming, etc. Vocabulary is developed in the context of meetings, phone calls, a business lunch, negotiations, and a disagreement. Provides about 80-100 hours of intensive self-study and practice. Networkable.

Gessler QKids Enrichment Kit
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100   Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: K-6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Three components, also sold separately: QPictionary, using a talking ABC board to build vocabulary and alphabet knowledge; QRead, with six video and audio stories; and QDo, with seven games for word identification through reading or listening. Each component is $40. CD-ROM.

Getting the Message
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Eurocentres Zurich
Level: Intermediate   For: All but K-6
Description: Audio CD-ROM program for learners of English as a Foreign Language. Practice in taking messages on the telephone. This uses British English.

Heather Hits Her First Home Run
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $35   Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This story is about how children feel in life's crucial moments, and shows the value of perseverance and team spirit. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Heinle & Heinle TOEFL Test Preparation Software
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Advanced   For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Healey; ESL Line
Description: Features digitized audio input for practice of the listening section; integrated reference areas for listening, grammar and reading with direct links to related test questions; and the option of studying in either self-paced or timed mode. Includes practice of specific question types and complete simulated tests. Itemized test scores can be printed out to monitor progress. This program reflects changes in the TOEFL as of July 1995. Runs under Windows and on the Macintosh.

Hollywood
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Theatrix Interactive   See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $30   Purchase options: site, lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: All

Info from: S. Addis
Description: A creative writing CD-ROM, which lets you or your students write, direct, and play your own animated shows with talking characters. You select the scene, you direct the actors, you write the dialogue, you choose the music and special effects. You can screen it in the theater by clicking on the projector. There's even an Idea Machine which provides story starters, plot twists, and dialogue suggestions based on the scene you've chosen and the specific personalities of your characters. Uses computerized voices; sometimes you have to fiddle with spelling to get them to sound right. (SA)

I Love You in the Sky, Butterfly

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning   See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single unit price: $170
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Nine unit series includes storytelling videos, teacher support materials, shared storybooks and audio tapes, and activities for parent involvement.

I Speak English - Advanced Language Acquisition (TOEFL)

Machine: Win
Publisher: Interlexica
Approximate single unit price: $360   Purchase options: site, network
Level: Advanced   For: All but K-6
Special use: TOEFL
Description: A multimedia CD-ROM designed to prepare post-secondary students for TOEFL, BEST, and other standardized language tests used in higher education and adult basic education. 40+ lesson program is divided into four sections.

Imagination Express: Destination: Neighborhoods

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single unit price: $40   Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: All
Info from: Jansen, Bishop
Description: Excellent software for making interactive storybooks. For ESL purposes, it is even better if projected onto a large screen for whole class oral language activities. Choose from a variety of scenes: school, home, playground, mall, etc. Place people and objects into this setting. These 'smart stickers' can be positioned inside, beside, behind, in front of, etc. and change their size according to where they are placed on the screen. Narration can be added.
Other CD's in the series: Castle, Rain Forest, Ocean, Pyramids, &, Time Trip, USA (With Destination: Ocean, an animation feature was added.) For ESL, Neighborhoods and Oceans are probably most helpful. Sheltered English classes might be able to use others depending on subject.

Interactive English

Machine: Win
Publisher: 1-12 Interactive
Description: See Language Solution, The: Interactive English. Sold by Wida as Interactive English.

Just Grandma and Me

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund   See also Learning Services, Wida
Approximate single unit price: $40   Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap)
Info from: Healey, Wachman, ETDOT

Description: This CD-ROM is a story about Little Critter's trip to the beach with his/her grandmother. It offers well-drawn, animated graphics with text and sound. The story is endearing to adults and children, but may seem too childish to teenagers. The learner can choose to listen to the story as it is displayed on screen (with text highlighted as it is read) or to control the pace and click on different items within each screen to see what they do. The learner also has a choice of seeing and hearing the text in Spanish and Japanese (kanji). It may be helpful to low-level learners who speak those languages to go through the story once in their own language, then listen and read again in English. If students are interacting with the text in 'play' mode, they can be assigned tasks by a teacher to profit linguistically from the mostly graphical responses to their mouse clicks.

Language Solution, The: Interactive English

Machine: Win
Publisher: 1-12 Interactive See also Wida, Learning Services, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $100 *Purchase options: £100; lab, site*
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Description: CD-ROM version of a text by the same name. Point and click operation, with no writing required. Uses graphics, animation, and voice recording and playback. Includes student tracking software. Approved by the California Instructional Technology Clearinghouse.

Learn English with Asterix and Son

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: EuroTalk See also EduCorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $45
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: ESL Lou
Description: CD-ROM based programs that use sound, graphics, and text starring the comic book characters of Asterix the Gaul and his son. Students can monitor their progress with an animated quiz. Voice recording. Several different stories are available.

Listen!

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Heinemann ELT See also World of Reading, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Alpnet
Description: This two-level, four CD-ROM set accompanies a book and audio cassette. Materials are designed for beginning and intermediate ESL students, and could be used for remedial work for upper level students. Could be used from elementary through higher education. Ability to record student and play back model and student. Choice of British or American English accent. Each level can be purchased separately for $40, or both for $55.

Longman English Works 1 & 2

Machine: Win
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman
See also Wida Purchase options: £45
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp., Fr., Ger., It.)
Description: Based on Robert O'Neill's books of the same name, geared to false beginners. Each of the 2 CD-ROMs presents 39 recorded dialogues and texts taken from the student book. Learners can choose to see translations of part of the dialogue in French, German, Italian, or Spanish. Learners can listen and record their part of a dialogue sentence by sentence or as a whole. Dialogues include survival skills such as giving personal information, times and numbers, introducing oneself, checking into a hotel, and interview questions and answers.

Lost Secret, The

Machine: Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $800   Purchase options: site, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr)
Info from: Wachman
Description: BBC English's mystery is presented on CD-ROM in MPEG full-motion video supported by a variety of practice exercises. The focus is on listening comprehension for basic level students. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Provides 80-100 hours of home or classroom study. A textbook, student workbook, and teacher's guide are available. Networkable

McGee Series

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Lawrence Productions   See also Learning Lab Software, Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $35   Purchase options: school version, lab, site
Level: Beginning   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: Designed to encourage exploration and language development. Incorporates animation and digitized sound. Includes McGee, Katie's Farm, and McGee at the Fun Fair; each is purchased separately.

Measuring Up

Machine: Win
Publisher: Protea Textware   See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: US$35
Level: Beginning   For: All but K-6
Description: Practice with numbers in real-world contexts, including shopping, cooking, weighing packages, and sports. CD-ROM. Australian English.

Mindstorm TOEIC

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Mindstorm
Approximate single-unit price: $75
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: HE
Info from: Chorus, ESL Loo
Description: This CD-ROM prepares students for the TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication), a test taken mostly in Japan by students who want to study in the US. The CD contains not only practice with the multiple-choice test but also test-taking hints, listening practice with famous speeches, and a multimedia game called Maze where learners have to answer grammar and vocabulary questions to escape. Help sections are in Japanese. Reviewer Brian Rhodes ([illegible]) comments that the program suffers from poor audio and a lack of feedback on individual test items, but that the practice should be useful for those interested in the TOEIC.

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10   Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A warm and sensitive story exploring children's feelings about moving. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains

the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Mud Puddle

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10   Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A charming story about a little girl that is always attacked by a mud puddle, and how she responds. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Northern Lights: The Soccer Trail

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10   Purchase options: school version
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Description: Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families dealing with tragedy. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio 'labels' to enhance student understanding. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Physics at Work

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery   See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $500
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: 9-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Physics of Flight

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery
Approximate single-unit price: $380
Level: For: grade 9-12
Special use: bilingual, science
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMAX.

Playroom, The

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund   See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60   Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: Pre-K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: Wivell

Description: Early Learning software on CD-ROM. Activities teach reading and math readiness, basic keyboarding. Has speech and is compatible with TouchWindow. This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick.

Power TOEFL CD-ROM

Machine: Win
Publisher: Teletext
Approximate single-unit price: $100
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Description: Covers listening comprehension, grammar, and reading for the new computer-based TOEFL CD-ROM.

Promise is a Promise, A

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families working together to solve problems. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio 'labels' to enhance student understanding. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Quick English: General 1, General 2, Business, Junior

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: LinguaTech See also Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $90 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Chantril's
Description: A family of multimedia CD-ROMs for ESL/EFL students studying at the intermediate to advanced levels. The Quick English Business and Quick English Junior titles are available for systems running WorldScript-Japanese or Japanese Windows 3.1/Japanese Win95. Teachers need to add tasks that encourage students to interact with each other, not just watch passively.
Each title has 10 interactive lessons, 15 minutes of video and over 30 minutes of audio, hundreds of test questions, a listening comprehension section, and a Hangman game. QE General 1 is 'Social Skills, Planning & Scheduling'; QE General 2 is 'Traveling, Ordering & Shopping'; QE Business 1 is 'Public Speaking & Business Activities'; and QE Business 2 is 'Negotiations & Transactions.' Each CD-ROM package is $90, with a five-CD pack (single platform and title) for $245.00.

Rosetta Stone: English Level I/II

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Fairfield Language Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $400 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: McVicker, N.Johnson, Wachman, justice; DigiEnglish, ESL Linc
Description: Comprehensive second language tutorial program with target language only. Students see a picture and hear the word/ phrase/sentence with the text optionally turned on or off. After displaying/playing a set of four prompts, the program drills comprehension by presenting the audio cue to which the student selects the appropriate picture. The program includes a listening dictation feature. Students can also record their own voices. Requires a CD-ROM drive. This program can

be used as a stand alone tutorial for very low level students although they may need some help learning to use the computer interface initially. The program has been upgraded with speech recognition and ancillary material. A demo version is on TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.
A lab pack (5 copies) is $1475 with each additional for $195. Site license pricing is $3000 for a 20-station lab, one level; each additional station is $150, and a second level is $2000. A 30-station lab is $4500 for one level and a second level for $3000.

Science Discovery Middle School (formerly Science Discovery)

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 6-8
Special use: Science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Small Talk 1 & 2

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Libra Multimedia See also Wida, Educorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $135 Purchase options: Each CD for $50
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM practice in conversational English (British English) related to travel, social contacts, and work. Variety of listening and speaking exercises including voice recording. CD #1 focuses on home, family, health, and spare time; #2, on transportation, holidays, weather, hotels, restaurants, and going out; #3, on work, companies, business and the economy, social trends, and national differences.

Sound Sentences

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $600 Purchase options: lab pack, networking
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: 10 different disk sets on survival topics, purchased separately. Students can see pictures, hear a sentence with digitized speech, and reconstruct the sentence. Requires Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy voice chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster. On disk and CD-ROM. Complete set $600; lab pack of 5 for $1190, of 10 for $1785, and network for $2380.

Telephone Talk 1&2

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Libra Multimedia See also Wida, Educorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $90
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton; ESL Linc
Description: Requires CD-ROM drive. British English. Almost 100 dialogues for listening and speaking practice, with color photos and exercises to improve understanding. Learners can choose to see the text on screen as they listen to the dialogue. They can also record themselves to compare to the model. Functions addressed include getting through on the phone, understanding names and numbers, dealing with offers and invitations, making appointments, ordering things, and making complaints.

Telephoning in English

Machine: Win
Publisher: Cambridge University Press Purchase options: UK£25
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business
Info from: Website
Description: Listening and speaking practice in a business English context. Topics include Unit 1; Who's calling, please?; Unit 2; Would you hold on, please?; Unit 3; I'd like to know your prices; Unit 4; We're ready to order now; Unit 5; I'll have to change the booking; Unit 6; Let's fix another date; Unit 7; What seems to be the trouble?; Unit 8; I'm sure we can sort it out. British English. CD-ROM.

Thomas' Snowsuit

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. An interactive story with listening support in either English or Spanish. Tells the story of the many ways adults try to get Thomas to wear his snow suit. The reading of each sentence can be slowed to make it more accessible for ESL students. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Thumbnail Theater: Macbeth

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Timelines, maps of England, video clips, other supporting information as well as a 9-minute animated synopsis of Macbeth. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Thumbnail Theater: Treasure Island

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Life of Robert Lewis Stevenson, analysis of the characters, stories of famous pirates, and other supporting material. Includes an animated synopsis of Treasure Island. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

TOEFL Mastery 3.1

Machine: Win
Publisher: ALA See also Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $160 Purchase options: quantity discounts, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL Prep
Info from: N.Johnson, Beller-Kenner
Description: TOEFL Mastery is a test preparation software package featuring practice exercises and full-length, timed practice tests following the question formats used in the TOEFL. The program includes a tutorial on how to use the program features, practice exercises, practice section tests, two full-length tests, a tutorial on test taking strategies, score reporting and high quality digitized

audio for the listening section. Students can review their mistakes, get feedback on their incorrect answer choices, and have another chance to answer the questions they missed or skipped. Requires CD-ROM drive and audio card.

TOEFL Mentor
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Encomium Publications See also Wida, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Beller-Kenner, Sachs
Description: TOEFL Mentor is a HyperCard-like program that runs off a CD-ROM and includes tutorials, practice tests and timed tests for all sections of the TOEFL test: Structure and Grammar, Listening Comprehension, and Reading Comprehension. In addition, test taking strategies and tips are available for both the TOEFL and the Test of Written English. We've had positive response from students and faculty who have used it, and have had some success in using it in a workshop environment where more traditional materials (books and tapes) are also available for students to use. (Sachs) Encomium will update TOEFL Mentor to reflect future changes in the content/format of the TOEFL test by ETS. Demos are available for downloading from the Encomium Publications web page at http://www.encomium.com. See Tom Robb's review of the program at http://www.kyoto-su.ac.jp/people/teacher/trobb/mentor/mt2.html

TOEFL Mentor, Web-based
Machine: Win
Publisher: Encomium Publications Purchase options: network
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Special use: TOEFL
Description: TOEFL practice program that can be run stand-alone or over a network. Slated for March 1999. Requires a multimedia PC, Internet Explorer 4.0, Netscape 4.0 or higher, plug-ins, 32MB RAM minimum.

TOEFL Sampler
Machine: Win
Publisher: Educational Testing Service Purchase options: freeware
Level: Advanced For: 9-12, HE
Description: Preparation for the computer-based TOEFL with some sample items. Mostly consists of computer familiarization activities. CD-ROM.

Tortoise and the Hare
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive. If this program is used on an IBM or compatible, it requires an MPC-compliant machine.

TRACI TALK, the Mystery
Machine: Win
Publisher: Courseware Publishing International
Approximate single-unit price: $125 Purchase options: site, lab packs, networkable
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, Adult, HE
Info from: V. Stevens; DigiEnglish

Description: Conversation program in form of a mystery story. Users must carry on a conversation, using a microphone, with four characters in the program to obtain information to solve a mystery. Speech recognition technology allows users to speak with the characters. TRACI, CPI's Teacher Ranging Across the Computer Interface, is always available to help; users just say, 'TRACI Help,' etc. Programming developed at Stanford's Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) is used with IBM VoiceType speech recognition. Requires Windows 3.1, '95, or NT. 486 or better with 8MB (16 with Win 95, more with NT) RAM, CD-ROM drive, 16-bit sound card, and a microphone. 100 MHz Pentium with 16MB RAM is recommended. Master site license for all CPI titles is available. Special student price of $30 at schools with a Master site license.

Treehouse, The
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Pre-K-6
Special use: elementary
Info from: Wivell
Description: This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick. Includes seven educational games. Students explore the on-screen hideaway, learning about music, animals, mathematics, sentence structure, money & place value. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Understanding Earth
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery
Approximate single-unit price: $500
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: grade 6-12
Special use: science, bilingual
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMAX.

Using Money and Making Change
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Orange Cherry/New Media Schoolhouse
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning For: All
Description: Teaches basic money and math skills using digitized audio and color graphics. Includes the simulation, 'If You Ran a Cookie Shop.'

Volcanoes: Life on the Edge
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Hv+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-4
Special use: science
Description: Multimedia information about volcanoes. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Zargon Zoo
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Heinemann ELT See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: An interactive adventure that requires only a low level of English and that is suitable for teenagers and young adults. Runs under Windows on the IBM.

PRONUNCIATION

Accent Coach
Machine: Win
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $200
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Accent improvement designed for Japanese speakers. Includes speech recognition, voice recording and playback. Compares the learner's voice to that of a native speaker on a gauge.

Accent Lab (Edition 2.1)
Machine: Win
Publisher: Accent Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Healey, DigiEnglish
Description: Pronunciation practice program with voice recording and playback and graphical representations of pitch and formants. Wide range of sample sounds and sentences included. Most students will need teacher help initially to understand the pitch and formant displays, but the program is an excellent value for the price. New sound files and example sentences are easy to add.
Edition 2 requires a 16-bit sound card, VGA graphics or better, and at least 20MB of hard drive space for sound files.
Requires a 16-bit sound card, 1024x768 resolution monitor and at least 18MB of hard drive space for sound files.

American Accent Program 5.0
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Ford Language Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $400 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: Healey; ESL Linc
Description: Multimedia ESL pronunciation and intonation tutor with video, sound, and cutaway graphics. This program takes students step-by-step through the pronunciation of all American English sounds. Intonation module includes 8 intonation patterns, contrastive intonation, compound nouns, and heteronyms. Record and compare voice with male and female speakers. Site licenses: $2500 for 5-20 computers, $4500 for 21-50. Check with the publisher about adopting AAP as a class text ($35 per student copy) and getting a free lab pack.

American SpeechSounds
Machine: Win
Publisher: Speech Communication
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: $300 for Professional Edition; site lic.
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Healey, DigiEnglish
Description: Second language pronunciation practice of sounds from isolated phonemes to use in words, phrases, and sentences. A directory based on the student's first language helps students focus on sounds most likely to be problematic for them. Students can listen or listen, record, and compare themselves to the model. Additional practice with past tense and plural endings, consonant cluster endings, silent consonants, flap T and S blends. The program is authorable, so teachers can add their own material. While the program is designed for self-access, students will probably need some guidance in assessing their progress when working independently.
This program is a major upgrade from the DOS-based Sounds American, with a much more user friendly interface. (DH)

Cat Came Back, The
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: Stories can be read in English, French, or Spanish. Students can record and play back their voices while pronouncing any of the 1311 words in the story. They can also sing along to the story's song and create and their own stories with graphics. A teacher's manual is included, with lesson plans, worksheets, and blackline masters. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Conversations
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $195 Purchase options: lab (5):$390; (10):$585; network: $780
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: Conversations offers 14 different dialogues in which the student can participate. The program features two speakers, and the student can take the part of either one. Requires microphone and headset and any one of the following sound devices: AST/Vox, Covox, Digispeech, Tandy, or Sound Blaster.

Ellis Master Pronunciation
Machine: Win
Publisher: CALI
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Beller-Kenner, Bishop; DigiEnglish, ESL Lite
Description: Learners can access vocabulary, cultural notes, grammar lessons, listening exercises, and pronunciation activities. Learners can see sounds pronounced by male and female video models, with animated sequences showing articulation points of the tongue, teeth and lips for each phoneme. Audio explanations are available in 28 languages. Learners can also record and play back their voice to compare to the native speaker model. Comes with Instructor Utilities, ELLIS on-line student tracking system. Runs under DOS and Windows - videodisc, MPEG and AVI versions.

English Easy: Conversations
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood Multimedia Corp.
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack $235 for 10
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 3-12, Adult
Info from: Jabaji
Description: English Easy series are designed specifically for students learning to speak English. Students can focus on the oral/aural aspect of the language, brush up on their grammar knowledge or hone their conversational skill and, at the same time, learn more about North American culture. Tutorial sessions are available to help Chinese and Japanese students navigate through the program.
Interactive dialogues depicting common North American scenarios illustrate applications of pronunciations and grammar. Relevant vocabulary is introduced for each subject matter so that students can associate them readily. Skill-testing questions are designed to give students added practice in listening and reacting to normal speech.
Good sound quality and graphics. (RJ)

English Easy: Vowels and Consonants
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Greenwood Multimedia Corp.
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack $235 for 10
Level: Beginning For: 3-12, Adult
Special use: literacy
Info from: Jahaji
Description: English Easy series are designed specifically for students learning to speak English. Students can focus on the oral/aural aspect of the language, brush up on their grammar knowledge or hone their conversational skill and, at the same time, learn more about North American culture. Tutorial sessions are available to help Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) and Japanese students navigate through the program.
Emphasizes proper pronunciation of English vowels and consonants. Each new component is followed by listening and spelling exercises to reinforce understanding. Example words are explained using full-coloured graphics and animations to allow students to associate with them without resorting to their native language. Abstract words have additional multilingual explanations to speed understanding. Requires a CD-ROM drive. (RJ)

English Pro
Machine: Win
Publisher: Eduverse Accelerated Learning
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: literacy
Description: This CD-ROM-based program uses a 'touch and talk' virtual keyboard to help students create mental maps of the phonetic structure of English. Students can use graphics, sound, animation, and text to work on vocabulary and pronunciation skills.

Let's Talk English
Machine: Win
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems See also Lingo Fun, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site and network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: ESL Line
Description: Vocabulary and pronunciation skill building with over 2200 words, speech recognition, learning games and activities. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Mega Munchers
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton, N Johnson
Description: Three CD-ROM set, with Math Munchers, Word Munchers, and Knowledge Munchers (formerly Trivia Munchers Deluxe). Arcade-style games. Word Munchers drills the variant spelling of vowel sounds. Students are presented with a model (/i/ as in fish), they then move around a grid selecting all of the other words that have the same vowel sound while trying to avoid little monsters that randomly move through the grid. The program can be set so that students will only work on a limited set of vowel sounds. There is no instructional phase to the program, so teachers will want to either preteach the common patterns and exceptions or encourage their students to be persistent discovery learners. Knowledge Munchers is a trivia-style game in arcade form. Math Munchers works on math skills. MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

Pronunciation Power
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: English Computerized Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $85 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: DigiEnglish, ESL Loc
Description: Pronunciation CD-ROM with a variety of exercises for practice. Learners can listen, record, and review the different sounds.

See It, Hear It, Say It!
Machine: Win
Publisher: Courseware Publishing International
Approximate single-unit price: $75 Purchase options: site license, lab packs, networkable
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Speech-recognition-based vocabulary program, with words presented through graphics and audio. Programming developed at Stanford's Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) is used with a new speech recognition engine developed by IBM. The program design features an approach that adapts to the user and stresses words the user is having difficulty with. Learners can adjust the word selection process and the target level of pronunciation accuracy the program demands. Requires Windows with 8MB RAM, CD-ROM drive, 16-bit sound card, and a microphone. 100 MHz Pentium with 16MB RAM is recommended. Master site license for all CPI titles is available. Special student price of $20 at schools with a Master site license.

TEAM (Technology Enhanced Accent Modification)
Machine: Win
Publisher: Cleveland State University Purchase options: contact publisher
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey
Description: A comprehensive program for improving pronunciation, with a focus on the needs of international teaching assistants (ITAs). The basic premise is that the student will be using this CD-ROM with a tutor, not in self-access mode. The program has extensive help files for tutors, explaining how to use each element and each topic area. Topics include specific consonant and vowel sounds (with formant diagrams for the vowels), reduced elements, intonation, and stress. Particularly useful for some language groups is practice on missing sounds--consonants learners drop at the ends of words, making communication especially difficult. Record-keeping is part of the program.

Video Voice
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: MicroVideo
Approximate single-unit price: $2500
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Healey
Description: A system for pronunciation improvement with an impressive array of exercise types and options. This offers clear, easy-to-comprehend graphics of waveforms and formants; most are a single line, rather than the mass of squiggles typical of computer-generated waveforms. Formant practice can be static or live, as can displays of pitch, amplitude, and rhythm. Learners can repeat and try to match the teacher/speech clinician-generated target with a number of visual as well as aural cues. Both children and adults will appreciate the game format options for practice. Record-keeping is built in and includes detailed reports.
One drawback is that target sounds do not come with the program and need to be entered by the teacher. This is a potentially highly time-consuming operation. Still, the wide variety of exercise types and reinforcement activities may make it worth the effort for institutions with a large number

of students who could use this program. Comes with special digitizing hardware that plugs into the computer and a microphone. Price includes free upgrades.

Word Gallery

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: Graphic guide to English pronunciation and spelling of one-syllable words. Free demo available.

READING

Academy of Reading, The

Machine: Win
Publisher: Autoskill International   Purchase options: network
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: pre K-12
Special use: Elementary ed, literacy
Info from: Mary Svoboda, ESL Line
Description: A phonics-based literacy product, this program uses graphics, sound, and animation to steer teacher and student through pre-testing, prescribed exercises, then post-testing. Strong management component. Has screens for reading difficulties in oral, aural, motor, speed, response, and other areas. Special needs accommodated. No reading ability needed to begin but requires ESL teaching to accompany product. Can be used on a network or in standalone mode.

Accu-Reading

Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: Micro Audio Visual   See also Comenius
Approximate single unit price: $60   Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but HE
Description: Short texts and multiple choice exercises focus on a specific reading skill. Record keeping facility; authorable. Networkable.

Ace Detective

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Mindplay   See also online/mail order
Approximate single unit price: $50   Purchase options: network, lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: 3-Adult
Special use: bilingual
Description: Students practice critical reading skills organizing information gained from texts and drawing conclusions. Also available in French and Spanish. On disks or on Mac/Windows CD-ROM.

Ace Reporter

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Mindplay   See also Learning Services, Comenius, World of Reading
Approximate single unit price: $50   Purchase options: network, lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-2
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Students read 'telegram' messages and conduct 'phone interviews' to find answers to Who, What, When, Where and Why questions. Once their stories are complete they select the best headline for the story. CD-ROM and disk available for Mac and Windows.

AmandaStories

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Voyager Company   See also EduCorp
Approximate single unit price: $15
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: CD-ROM-based graphical adventure stories about Inigo the Cat and Your Faithful Camel with color animation, sound effects, and music but no text. Students select objects using the pointer, thereby determining the course of the story. To have any value in the language classroom, students must have a task set by the teacher that requires language, such as talking with a partner about what to do next, writing about what the animals did, or creating a similar story of their own.

Amazon Trail II
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The   See also online/mail order
Approximate single unit price: $50   Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-4
Description: Amazon Trail is a simulation of a trip up the Amazon River (and through time). The goal is to search for a medicinal plant that can save the ancient Incas from malaria. As students travel up the Amazon River they explore the rain forest, visit historical people and landmarks, trade with the people of the region, navigate and fish for food. The program comes with teacher's manuals and student worksheets that facilitate cooperative learning based lessons and communicative language development. CD-ROM version. The earlier version is on disk and is slightly less expensive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

Amnesty Interactive
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Amnesty International   See also Educorp
Approximate single unit price: $15   Purchase options: £15 in EU
Level: Advanced   For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey; ESL Loc
Description: This interactive CD-ROM from Amnesty International presents information about the struggle for human rights throughout history. Information is organized by geographical location, time in history, and famous people. Both human rights abuses and human rights successes are shown. The material is sometimes presented relatively rapidly, requiring learners to listen or read a second time.

Anatomy & Physiology
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Videodiscovery
Approximate single unit price: $600
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: grade 9-12
Special use: science
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMAX.

Animals, The
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Mindscape
Approximate single unit price: $50
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: All
Info from: Moore
Description: This is a CD-ROM multimedia tour of San Diego Zoo. It includes 80 video clips (small 2x 3 inches on screen), pictures and information about 200 animals, information about the areas they live in, and a section on endangered animals. We plan to use it as an information source for intermediate academic students. It seems to have been created for primary to secondary school students, but has been popular with adult EFL students. The menu page is a picture of the zoo from above, and you just click on the area you're interested in or choose an animal from a list. (Moore) Version 2 includes the A to Z Gallery, with an animal for each letter of the alphabet.

Art Lesson, The
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The   See also online/mail order
Approximate single unit price: $55   Purchase options: lab packs from $100-$160
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: K-4

Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Students explore and experience a story based on the original work of author Tomie dePaola. They can read the story, hear it read to them by the author, and explore the text and living illustrations. Integrated art activities let students create with the author. Also includes video clips as they explore Tomie dePaola's studio, hear him tell about his childhood experiences, and learn about his life as an author and illustrator. Requires CD-ROM drive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund
Approximate single unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-8
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-8 and family literacy settings.

Barron's Book Study Notes

Machine: Win
Publisher: Hiva Software
Approximate single unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-5
Info from: Publisher
Description: Covers reading skills such as plot summary, character analysis, style and point of view.

Basic Skills for the Real World

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Wasatch Education Systems
Approximate single unit price: $300 Purchase options: network
Level: Literacy, Beginning For: Adult
Special use: literacy
Description: Designed for adults who need reading and writing skills; uses extensive audio. Eight units, sold separately. Each unit includes a management component. The units are Dan and Lois (lifeskills math and numeracy, inferences, map reading); New Challenges (signs, maps, compare products, make appointments, make inferences); Grace Under Pressure (career search, basic home repairs, interpret charts and graphs, auto purchasing and insurance); Amazing Grace (test-taking strategies, time management, price comparison, budgeting, writing ads and letters); Joe Moves Up (job attitudes, phone skills, using a catalog, customer service, cooking); KC Makes Choices (emergency first aid, drugs and alcohol, gangs, getting a job, dealing with learning disabilities, reading comprehension); Linda's New Start (job handbook, customer service, comparison shopping, using a timecard); and Day by Day (computing mileage, reading a map, comparison shopping, making a budget, time management, fact vs. opinion).

Bilingual Graph Club

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions
Approximate single unit price: $130 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-4
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog, Bishop

Description: Students can use this to construct, organize, and describe data with a variety of graphs. It includes a library of over 150 icons, and will count numbers aloud as the graph is created. Information can be represented in Spanish or English. On CD-ROM.

Bilingual Reading Comprehension
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $230 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is a reading comprehension program in Spanish and English that features immediate on-screen translation of stories into either language. It features 36 stories with colorful graphics. Includes audio capability for students to hear key words translated into either language.

Building Reading Skills
Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Approximate single-unit price: $750 Purchase options: $200 per set; lab, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Seaver
Description: Four separate 11-disk sets cover predicting and restating sequence; identifying main ideas, moods, and irrelevant information; using examples; types of persuasion; inferring main ideas, purpose, and word meanings; and judging logical validity. Tutorials and short readings with multiple choice and fill-in questions. Created for junior high level native speakers. $200 per set; $400 for lab packs per set; $1000 network license per set. $750 for the complete series.

CALLEAP
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Wida Software Purchase options: $110 for up to 25 machines.
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Description: Uses Wida's Gapmaster program to offer a range of practice materials for English for Academic Purposes students. 21 exercises work on finding the missing words, word building, finding and correcting mistakes in a text, answering questions about a written text, and analyzing data in a table. A student workbook, teacher's manual, and learner's manual are included.

Cat Came Back, The
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: Stories can be read in English, French, or Spanish. Students can record and play back their voices while pronouncing any of the 1311 words in the story. They can also sing along to the story's song and create and their own stories with graphics. A teacher's manual is included, with lesson plans, worksheets, and blackline masters. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Children's Classics
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Fr, Ger)

Description: Interactive fairy tales on CD-ROM. Learners can just listen and read, or they can read and record/replay their own voices. Includes a glossary and sequencing, concentration, and multiple choice exercises. Volume 1 has Jack in the Beanstalk, Pinocchio, and Peter Pan. Volume 2 has John Henry, Paul Bunyan, and Pecos Bill. Volumes are sold separately.

Civilization II
Machine: Win
Publisher: MicroProse
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Rogers
Description: The strength of this program is in the way students must link their own game-playing strategies with the way that inventions and technology might have been discovered and developed: you can't have literature without writing, and you can't have writing without the alphabet; and this applies all the way up to building a space-station.
Students obtain knowledge through reading about the developments on screen (the file that creates them can be edited easily if required). One thing that I and a colleague (who used the game in a larger context) agree on is that the most important factor is the recording of information by the students as they play. He also gets them to write a summary of the day's play. I asked mine to copy the screens as they appeared. Effective for group work or individual play.
Before teachers use the program they should run it several times themselves but should be careful as it is addictive.
I would also recommend a companion book (unavailable here): Wilson, Johnny L. and Alan Emrich. Sid Meier's Civilization: or Rome on 640k a day. Prima Publishing: California, 1992.

Cloze Encounters in English (ESL)
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Description: A cloze generating program in which students fill in vowels, consonants, or words in a reading passage. A number of short texts are provided and teachers may add passages into the program for students to do.

College Level Reading Comprehension
Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Approximate single-unit price: $170 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Advanced For: AE, HE
Info from: Seaver
Description: 5-disk set covers skimming, making inferences, and identifying main ideas and supporting details. Short readings with multiple choice and fill-in questions. Created for college level native speakers.

Complete Shakespeare Collection, The
Machine: Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: 9-12, HE
Description: Complete works of Shakespeare plus the American Heritage Dictionary, study notes, sample tests, and essay questions. On CD-ROM.

Core Reading and Vocabulary Development
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Educational Activities

Approximate single-unit price: $675 Purchase options: lab (5):$1350, (10):2025; network: $2700
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-6, Adult
Special use: Elementary
Info from: N.Johnson; ESL Linc
Description: This program is a comprehensive approach to reading and language development. In the first phase, students see and say each word. In the Mac version students can hear each word pronounced. They can also record their pronunciation and compare it to the model. This digitized speech option in DOS computers requires an Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy sound chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster. The second phase is a reading of the lesson text, 2-3 sentences per screen. The same text is then presented in a timed reading exercise, one phrase at a time. The reading speed can be set from 25 WPM to 250 WPM.
Next the student completes a fill-in exercise using a word list at the bottom of the screen. Students are then presented with comprehension questions. These are in a Yes/no format. Students can refer back to the text to find the answer, and on an incorrect response the computer highlights the sentence where the answer should have been found.
Writing practice is conducted with the students' completing each word of a sentence from the text, where the first letter of each word is given. In a variation of the word completion exercise, students watch a target word move across the screen, when the word reaches the center of the screen it stops and part of the word disappears. The students type the missing letters. In one more word level exercise the students choose the correct spelling of a word from two distractors.
The TESOL/CELIA CD has a demo of this program. Mac version includes audio output of program directions in either English or Spanish.

Decimal & Fraction Maze

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Great Wave Software See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: Bilingual
Description: Includes eight math curricula, with up to 70 levels each, and covers 18 math skills. Spanish/English version allows each student to see and hear problems in Spanish or English, or to switch between languages at any time.

Decisions, Decisions Series

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey
Description: Students work in groups to use the software and text materials to make decisions. Students check the printed materials for additional background information. As a group they prioritize their goals, receive multiple perspectives on the issues from their 'advisors' in the computer, discuss their options and input their course of action to the computer. The computer presents the consequences and the 'advisors' reappear to offer the students help in dealing with them prior to another round of decisions, actions and consequences. These programs work well in a one-computer classroom. The following are ones most likely to be of interest to ESL/EFL students.
Immigration: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number of dilemmas related to immigration policy in the U.S.
Prejudice: Students take the role of a mayor up for re-election in a town with a racism problem. Their 'advisors' in the computer are an historian, a campaign manager, a lawyer and an activist.
The Environment: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number a dilemmas related to environmental damage in a small town.

Urbanization: Students are community decision makers. The computer presents a number of dilemma related to the costs and benefits of urbanization for a small town.
Violence in the Media: Students take the role of an advertising executive for a company sponsoring a controversial television program about life in a gang-infested urban neighborhood.
Titles are $150 each, with lab, network, and site licensing available. The program is on CD-ROM or disk.

Destination Mars!

Machine: Win, Mac, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Advanced For: Grade 7-12
Special use: science
Info from: Milton
Description: A space adventure activity; on disk or CD-ROM.

Developing Critical Thinking Skills for Effective Reading

Machine: DOS, Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab, network, site; both sets for $180
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Description: Helps students sharpen their critical thinking skills and develop their ability to make inferences. Disks contain short factual readings on four levels. Networkable. Upgraded in '94. Students read selections and answer multiple choice questions based on key words and inferences.

Diascriptive Reading I, II, III, IV

Machine: DOS, Win, Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $1400 Purchase options: $400/unit; lab pack, networking
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 4-12, Adult
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: An interactive reading tutorial designed for native speakers of English, both children and adults. The program is diagnostic, prescriptive and developmental. The instruction focuses on reading for details, inference, the main idea, vocabulary (synonyms, multiple meanings, discovering meaning in context), identifying the sequential signals in a text, and distinguishing between fact and opinion. The program includes a glossary with definitions and computer pronunciation of the target words. Useful for ESL false beginners and above. A demo is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.
Diascriptive Reading I, III, and IV are slightly less expensive, at $335 each.

Double Up

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel See also Alta, RDA
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: UK£30; 2-10 user £60
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Double Up is a learning game designed to give students practice in building correct sentences. The key to success in the game is to make good use of context and grammar clues to determine which words go together. Learners see the words of a very short text arranged as a list in alphabetical order and are challenged to put the words into the correct order, two at a time. Correct pairs are displayed on the screen in proper order until the complete sentence is reconstructed.

Easy Street
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Mindplay See also Learning Services, Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3
Special use: Bilingual, elementary, literacy
Description: Builds reading and math readiness skills. Teaches counting, classification and labeling in English and Spanish. Can be customized for special needs.

Edunetics Interactive Series (Grades 4-6)
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Steck-Vaughn
See also Harcourt Brace Purchase options: lab pack available
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 4-6
Special use: elementary, science
Description: Earth science, biology, and history simulations designed for native speakers. CD-ROM. Individual titles range in price. All are listed separately on the Steck-Vaughn website, not listed as Edunetics.

Edunetics Interactive Series (K-6)
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Steck-Vaughn
See also Harcourt Brace Purchase options: lab pack available
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-6, T
Special use: elementary, science
Description: Phonics, Time, Dinosaurs, African Wild Animal Adventures, Earth Care, Violent Earth readings. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM. Individual titles range in price. All are listed separately on the Steck-Vaughn website, not listed as Edunetics.

Eighteen Stories
Machine: Win
Publisher: Wida Software Purchase options: $60 for 5 users; $120 for 25
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Description: Reading skill building with stories; designed for ESL/EFL.

ESL TOEFL Prep
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Description: More than 500 multiple-choice questions intended to prepare intermediate and advanced ESL students for the written TOEFL.

Eurocentres CALL Library
Machine: Win
Publisher: Wida Purchase options: £75 for 1-5 users
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: Ten volumes of exercises to use with the Wida Authoring Suite programs (Gapmaster, Storyboard, Matchmaster, Choicemaster, Testmaster). These have been ported from the DOS-based CALL for English originals. Volumes include Elementary Grammar, Vocabulary, and Functions; Intermediate Grammar and Vocabulary; Advanced Grammar, Vocabulary, and Functions; Cambridge Proficiency Practice, and International Business Topics.

Evil Landlady Action Maze
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Creative Technology   Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All, T
Description: An ESL action maze from Martin Holmes, implemented using HTML pages. Put it on your Web server or use it as an example for creating your own Web-based action maze. Freeware.

FDR
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-4
Description: Archive video and sound clips, virtual tour of FDR's life.

Gapmaster
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software   See also Athelstan, RDA, Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $100   Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All
Info from: Levy, Hurst, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: A cloze generator that can import text from other programs and print out. Hints can be added. Authorable. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries. Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Gessler QKids Enrichment Kit
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100   Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: K-6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Three components, also sold separately: QPictionary, using a talking ABC board to build vocabulary and alphabet knowledge; QRead, with six video and audio stories; and QDo, with seven games for word identification through reading or listening. Each component is $40. CD-ROM.

GesslerQ Review
Machine: Win
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $355   Purchase options: Components also sold separately.
Level: Intermediate   For: All but K-6
Description: Three sets of CD-ROMs for a multimedia review of reading, grammar, and vocabulary. Reading 1 and 2 have a variety of texts including letters, magazine articles, stories, and humor. Grammar 1 and 2 review English tenses with anecdotes, short stories, articles, and dialogues. Vocabulary 1 and 2 use video clips with topics including leisure and hobbies, the environment, and the world of entertainment. Exercises and practice tests are included in all of these sets. Each set of two CD-ROMs can be purchased separately for $140. Lab, network, and site options are also available.

Gus Goes to Cybertown
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Modern Media Ventures   See also EduCorp
Approximate single-unit price: $20
Level: Beginning   For: K-6
Special use: literacy

Info from: Pacheco
Description: We use lessons prepared according to what we are teaching to our students. This can be used to identify food items and build up vocabulary on food and drinks, identify animals, practice clothing items, and do other beginning-level vocabulary tasks. (MP)

Hangman in Context 4.5

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Stevens, Vance and Steve Millmore
See also CELIA, CALL-IS MS-DOS Library, Alta   Purchase options: shareware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All
Description: Unlike other implementations of Hangman, HMIC allows students to gradually see the context from the text where the word appears, character by character, as needed (in exchange for points). Now sold as part of the package SuperCloze, Hangword, and Hangman in Context. (See SuperCloze.)

HangWord 3.1

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Stevens, Vance and Steve Millmore   Purchase options: shareware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All
Description: A whole-text deletion program that lets teachers add any plain text file. Now sold as part of the package SuperCloze, Hangword, and Hangman. (See SuperCloze.)

Headline

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
See also CELIA   Purchase options: freeware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: All
Info from: Higgins, Beller-Kenner
Description: A very useful but extremely simple activity, which we use at the beginning of the year to help learn the names of the class. Each student types in their own name and some basic personal information, such as home town and hobby. Then the computer generates a string of zany newspaper headlines (nothing negative or offensive), and the students can print out any they like. Then they can discuss their headlines, compare them with others, and write the news article which would fit their own headline. Download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

Heather Hits Her First Home Run

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10   Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This story is about how children feel in life's crucial moments, and shows the value of perseverance and team spirit. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Heinle & Heinle TOEFL Test Preparation Software

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Advanced   For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Healey; ESL Linc

Description: Features digitized audio input for practice of the listening section; integrated reference areas for listening, grammar and reading with direct links to related test questions; and the option of studying in either self-paced or timed mode. Includes practice of specific question types and complete simulated tests. Itemized test scores can be printed out to monitor progress. This program reflects changes in the TOEFL as of July 1995. Runs under Windows and on the Macintosh.

High Steps to Comprehension

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $230
Level: For: 4-9
Special use: Bilingual (8 languages)
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is an interactive reading program with 48 stories on topics of interest to middle school aged children. The program include a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. Multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

History of the Blues

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Queue Inc. See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-5
Info from: Healey
Description: Students can read about the development of the blues, various blues styles, and blues artists while listening to sample recordings. Those who are interested in music can go more deeply into different blues styles, while others can use the content to get some background for the civil rights movement. This CD-ROM runs under Macintosh and DOS.

Hopalong

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel Purchase options: freeware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Higgins; CJ 3:4 1992
Description: This is a reading pacer and diagnostic tool for readers. It goes through a text, highlighting pages at a speed the reader can control. When the reader is finished, it displays a graph to show the way the text has been read. The reader can print the complete text with inserted marks to show where the reader sped up, slowed down, paused, or re-read a page or pages. The goal is to assist students in understanding their bad (and good) habits, not to replace reading on paper.
The program as it now stands has few texts, but the author would be happy to have the assistance of others in adding texts to the program. Download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

How to Read for Everyday Living

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $140 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Description: Designed for adult learners. Topics include reading labels, menus, and job ads; managing money; working with want ads and job applications; and travel-related reading. Activities include crosswords and other puzzles. CD-ROM or disk versions.

I Love You in the Sky, Butterfly
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $170
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Nine-unit series includes storytelling videos, teacher support materials, shared storybooks and audio tapes, and activities for parent involvement.

I Speak English - Advanced Language Acquisition (TOEFL)
Machine: Win
Publisher: Intechnica
Approximate single-unit price: $360 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: TOEFL
Description: A multimedia CD-ROM designed to prepare post-secondary students for TOEFL, BEST, and other standardized language tests used in higher education and adult basic education. 40+ lesson program is divided into four sections.

I Speak English - Advanced Reading Comprehension (TOEFL)
Machine: Win
Publisher: Intechnica
Approximate single-unit price: $360 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Advanced For: 9-Adult
Special use: TOEFL
Description: A multimedia CD-ROM with a focus on reading skills for TOEFL practice. Requires Windows 95/98, CD-ROM, sound card, headset with microphone; network OK.

Imagination Express: Destination: Neighborhoods
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: justice, Bishop
Description: Excellent software for making interactive storybooks. For ESL purposes, it is even better if projected onto a large screen for whole class oral language activities. Choose from a variety of scenes: school, home, playground, mall, etc. Place people and objects into this setting. These ‘smart stickers’ can be positioned inside, beside, behind, in front of, etc. and change their size according to where they are placed on the screen. Narration can be added.
Other CD’s in the series: Castle; Rain Forest; Ocean; Pyramids; &, Time Trip, USA (With Destination: Ocean, an animation feature was added.) For ESL, Neighborhoods and Oceans are probably most helpful. Sheltered English classes might be able to use others depending on subject.

In Medieval Times
Machine: Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 2-9
Description: Simulation of life in medieval times; designed for native speakers. 9 problem-solving quests. CD-ROM.

Inside the SAT/ACT '
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $25

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Level: Advanced For: 9-12
Description: Practice with SAT and ACT tests, designed for native speakers; text is by the Princeton Review. CD-ROM.

Jump Start Reading series

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-2
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Three programs, sold separately: JumpStart Kindergarten Grade Reading, JumpStart 1st Grade Reading, and JumpStart 2nd Grade Reading. Multimedia drill with game elements designed to promote literacy. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Just Grandma and Me

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also Learning Services, Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap)
Info from: Healey, Wachman; STDOT
Description: This CD-ROM is a story about Little Critter's trip to the beach with his/her grandmother. It offers well-drawn, animated graphics with text and sound. The story is endearing to adults and children, but may seem too childish to teenagers. The learner can choose to listen to the story as it is displayed on screen (with text highlighted as it is read) or to control the pace and click on different items within each screen to see what they do. The learner also has a choice of seeing and hearing the text in Spanish and Japanese (kanji). It may be helpful to low-level learners who speak those languages to go through the story once in their own language, then listen and read again in English. If students are interacting with the text in 'play' mode, they can be assigned tasks by a teacher to profit linguistically from the mostly graphical responses to their mouse clicks.

Kaplan GRE, GMAT, LSAT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Kaplan
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-9
Description: Preparation for GRE, GMAT, LSAT tests. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Kaplan SAT, PSAT, ACT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Kaplan
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-8
Description: Preparation for SAT, PSAT, and ACT tests. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Kids Time Deluxe

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Great Wave Software See also Learning Lab Software, Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: Helps children develop early learning skills through computer generated speech, graphics, and writing.

Language Experience Recorder
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Teacher Support Software See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy
Info from: STDOT
Description: A specialized word processing program with speech capability. Students can hear whatever they've written read back to them. Includes features for readability and writing analysis. This program was designed for teachers using the Language Experience Approach to reading. Needs a sound card on the IBM.

Language Now: English for Spanish Speakers
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Transparent Language See also Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $140 Purchase options: $30 special offer sometimes
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey
Description: Reading-based language study, with windows that open up to offer vocabulary, grammar, and usage help on the word, sentence, or text level in Spanish. The latest edition, on CD-ROM, includes video clips, a talking dictionary, extensive grammar reference, vocabulary games, and pronunciation help that offers voice recording with (modestly helpful) waveforms. Especially good for those who have some English and want to maintain a reading knowledge of the language. The publisher now offers an Educator's Edition with classroom management tools. (DH)

Last Chance to See
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Voyager Company
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton
Description: Over a dozen years ago, Douglas Adams wrote a book about the world being demolished. Adams traveled around the world, visiting endangered species. This two CD-ROM set is the detailed record of Adams' trek with pictures and narration by Adams.

Learn English with Asterix and Son
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: EuroTalk See also EduCorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $45
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM based programs that use sound, graphics, and text starring the comic book characters of Asterix the Gaul and his son. Students can monitor their progress with an animated quiz. Voice recording. Several different stories are available.

Let's Go
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: All
Description: Students follow on-screen instructions to different places around town in a chutes-and-ladders game format. The objective is to travel to specific places on the map as prompted by

the program and correctly answer questions about the location of the place and about culture. The program was designed for ESL.

Let's Go Read: An Island Adventure

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: school version avail.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K - 1
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: Reading skills in an adventure format. Hybrid Win/Mac CD-ROM or on disks by platform. Designed for native speakers. The CALL Interest Section had some problems with installing the CD-ROM at TESOL- not enough system resources.

Lost Secret, The

Machine: Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $800 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr)
Info from: Wachman
Description: BBC English's mystery is presented on CD-ROM in MPEG full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. The focus is on listening comprehension for basic level students. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Provides 80-100 hours of home or classroom study. A textbook, student workbook, and teacher's guide are available. Networkable.

Magic Letter Factory

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab (5): $100, (10): $180
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K - 1
Special use: Literacy
Description: Animated letters and sounds for literacy, with sing-along songs. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Math and Reading Bonus Pack

Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K -2
Description: Reading, math, and language skills for young learners (pre-K to 2). Designed for native speakers.

Math for Everyday Living

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $130 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Special use: VESL
Description: Topics include paying for a meal, sales slips, unit pricing, saving on transportation, sales tax, finding a job, overtime, piecework/commission work, and finding net pay. On disk or CD-ROM.

MathKeys
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab pack, site license, district license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: Bishop
Description: Contains the following content areas: Whole numbers, probability, geometry, measurement, fractions & decimals. Also available in Spanish. Titles sold separately.

Measuring Up
Machine: Win
Publisher: Protea Textware See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: UK£55
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Description: Practice with numbers in real-world contexts, including shopping, cooking, weighing packages, and sports. CD-ROM. Australian English.

Mega Munchers
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton, N.Johnson
Description: Three CD-ROM set, with Math Munchers, Word Munchers, and Knowledge Munchers (formerly Trivia Munchers Deluxe). Arcade-style games. Word Munchers drills the variant spelling of vowel sounds. Students are presented with a model (/i/ as in fish), they then move around a grid selecting all of the other words that have the same vowel sound while trying to avoid little monsters that randomly move through the grid. The program can be set so that students will only work on a limited set of vowel sounds. There is no instructional phase to the program, so teachers will want to either preteach the common patterns and exceptions or encourage their students to be persistent discovery learners. Knowledge Munchers is a trivia-style game in arcade form. Math Munchers works on math skills. MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

Millie's Math House
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Edmark Corporation See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: school version avail.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-3
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: CD-ROM with interactive math activities. A Spanish version is also available.

Mindstorm TOEIC
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Mindstorm
Approximate single-unit price: $75
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Info from: Chorus, ESL Linc
Description: This CD-ROM prepares students for the TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication), a test taken mostly in Japan by students who want to study in the US. The CD contains not only practice with the multiple-choice test but also test-taking hints, listening practice with famous speeches, and a multimedia game called Maze where learners have to answer grammar and vocabulary questions to escape. Help sections are in Japanese. Reviewer Brian Rhodes

(http://www.chorus.cycor.ca/Duber/toeic.html) comments that the program suffers from poor audio and a lack of feedback on individual test items, but that the practice should be useful for those interested in the TOEIC.

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A warm and sensitive story exploring children's feelings about moving. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Mud Puddle

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A charming story about a little girl that is always attacked by a mud puddle, and how she responds. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

My Words

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: CD (4:6/1988), N.Johnson
Description: Word-processor with speech capability (uses a speech synthesizer). Words are spoken as they appear on the screen. The computer stores a list of each user's words in a 'word bank.' Students can see or hear the words in the word bank in a window of the screen while doing additional word processing. Useful for Language Experience Approach activities. DOS version is on disks, while the Mac version is on CD-ROM.

National Geographic Society Wonders of Learning CD-ROMs

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: National Geographic Society Educational Services See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $80
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: This presents 36 books on eight CD-ROMs. Narrators read the stories, accompanied by background music and sound effects. Color photographs, word and syllable pronunciations in English and Spanish, and interactive picture buttons let students explore and learn. The features can be customized by teachers.

The stories are Exploring the Solar System and Beyond, Animals and How They Grow, Our Earth, People Behind the Holidays, Seasons, The Human Body, A World of Plants, and A World of Animals.

Nicolai's series

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning For: Pre-K-2
Special use: elementary
Description: A number of separate titles with Nikolai as the central character. Titles include Nikolai's Treats and Nikolai in Outer Space for ages 6+, and Nicolai's Pirates, Toys, Nights, Pharaohs, and Mysteries for ages 4+.

Nikolai's Trains

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $15 Purchase options: lab pack
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: pre-K - 4
Special use: bilingual (Fr., Sp., Mandarin, Ger., Jap., Port.); science
Description: An interactive adventure with earth science content and a lot of information about how trains work. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Northern Lights: The Soccer Trail

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Description: Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families dealing with tragedy. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio 'labels' to enhance student understanding. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Norton Connect

Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: W. W. Norton
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: Each student buys a copy.
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Corio
Description: Interactive writing environment. Teachers can create and hand out assignments over the network. Students log on and read the assignment in a read-only top window. They respond in a bottom normal word processing window. When they post papers to the network, everyone in a teacher-created work group can read the papers and comment on them. Unlike e-mail, when a student posts a paper, it remains in her/his bottom window so that s(he) can edit and revise during the course of the electronic discussions and commenting on other student papers. When the assignment is over, the program collects the papers. The teacher can grade the papers using built-in editable macros and by embedding hotlinks to the on-line handbook. When clicked on by a student, the links bring the appropriate section of the handbook onto the screen.

The very interesting thing about this product is that it's the student that bears the cost. Each student has to buy an access disk at the bookstore, but the school's connection is free. The implications are interesting. Schools with no money for software licenses might be interested. If students buy the product, it can come out of Pell grants. Other schools, however, will see that this is another burden that shouldn't be put on the student. Some teachers may not be comfortable asking students to bear the cost of Connect in addition to the cost of a textbook. The enterprising reading or writing teacher can avoid this dilemma by using Connect and public domain material (or authorized uses of copyrighted materials) available from the Internet and other sources in lieu of a textbook. Material gleaned from the Internet has the advantage of being in electronic form, thus ready to be immediately incorporated into Connect. (RCorio)

Norton Connect.Net

Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: W. W. Norton
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: Each student buys a copy.
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Corio
(See Norton Connect, above) The difference between Norton Textra Connect for Word and Norton Connect.Net is that Textra Connect works on a LAN server. One has access to class only when on a computer on that network. With Connect.Net, software is running on individual computers. Files are being sent to an FTP server. One has access to a class as long as your computer has Windows, Word for Windows, Connect.Net, and Internet access. So Connect.Net works over the Internet, while still based in Word for Windows. This is not a browser-based program.

Once Upon a Time... Volumes I, II, III, and IV

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Beginning For: Grades 1-6
Description: Story-telling and creation. Designed for native speakers.

Passion for Art, A

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Designed for native speakers. Post-impressionist paintings with timelines and museum information. CD-ROM.

Paul Cézanne: Portrait of My World

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Explore information about Paul Cézanne and the era he lived in. Multimedia CD-ROM.

Perfect Copy Biology

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Logicus
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: Science
Info from: Jabaji; ESL Linc
Description: This self-paced program to help students improve English usage in scientific writing contains 200 brief articles on biological subjects and more than 230 rules of grammar and usage. Students read the articles and correct the errors, with clues and related rules available to help in error correction. A record-keeping function tracks learner performance.

Pinpoint Version 2.0
Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Alta, Athelstan, Eurocentres
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Levy, Eastment; ESL Linc
Description: This authoring package is designed to help students to read more adventurously and sharpen their prediction and inference skills. The program invites learners to guess the subject of a masked out text, choosing from half a dozen possible titles. At the start just one random word is on view, but the viewing window is widened two words at a time until you see enough to make an intelligent guess. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Windows 3.1 and 95 version now included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Playroom, The
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: Wivell
Description: Early Learning software on CD-ROM. Activities teach reading and math readiness, basic keyboarding. Has speech and is compatible with TouchWindow. This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick.

Postcards
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Curriculum Associates
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Students select from Mexico, Ghana, Japan, and Turkey as a country of interest, then choose a writing project: narrative, persuasive, compare/contrast, or descriptive. They can view three different multimedia tours of each country to look at the culture, history, and geography. Students take notes in a travel log. The program offers a 'Mail Room' where students write postcards, first in a structured format, then without prompts. Teachers can add more writing assignments. The program includes help in finding keypals on the Internet and a list of websites for online research. CD-ROM. The publisher offers a free demo.

Power TOEFL CD-ROM
Machine: Win
Publisher: Teletext
Approximate single-unit price: $100
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Description: Covers listening comprehension, grammar, and reading for the new computer-based TOEFL. CD-ROM.

Primary Steps to Comprehension
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $200
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: elementary, bilingual (8 languages)
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is an interactive reading program with 36 original stories written at 6 different reading

levels. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program include a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. Multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Promise is a Promise, A

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families working together to solve problems. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio 'labels' to enhance student understanding. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

R.E.A.D. - Corel

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Reading skills for native speakers on CD-ROM.

Read It! Study Skills

Machine: Win
Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants
Approximate single-unit price: $75 Purchase options: Each area sold separately
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Description: This CD-ROM-based English for Academic Purposes program is designed for students facing difficult course assignments in English. It is available for Computer Studies, General Studies, and Engineering (sold separately). Each program teaches the same skills, but is based around authentic texts and assignments from the specific subject area. All versions come with an Authoring Kit to add more texts and exercises.
Read It! helps students work on pre-reading strategies, understanding text cohesion, analyzing a question, assignment planning, finding source material, note taking, vocabulary strategies, and focused grammar practice. The program is authorable, and a demo can be downloaded from the website.

Reader Rabbit 3

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 2-4
Special use: elementary
Description: Students complete stories by writing their own phrases or choosing from prewritten selections. A newspaper can be a class project. Available on Mac and Windows disks or a Mac/Win CD-ROM.

Reader Rabbit Reading 1

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services

Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-2
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: STDOT
Description: This program is designed to make learning to recognize letters and words fun for younger children. It uses brightly-colored graphics with smiling animals to motivate sound-symbol practice. Several different types of exercises are included, mostly phonics-related. Students can choose which type of activity to do; a record-keeping function is included so that the teacher can see what the learner worked on and how s/he did. CD-ROM.

Reader Rabbit's Interactive Reading Journey 2
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: K-2
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Bishop
Description: Thirty stories; games that promote phonics, word recognition and comprehension. On CD-ROM.

Reading Blaster series
Machine: Mac/ Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: For: pre-K-6
Special use: literacy, elementary
Description: The Reading Blaster series has three programs: Ages 4-6, Ages 6-9, and Ages 9-12. Multimedia drills and games build reading skills. CD-ROM. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Reading for English
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: $80 for all four; $200 site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Description: Each title in this series presents exercises of different kinds based on one of the Streamline Graded Readers from Oxford University Press. Activities include a dictionary look-up of words in the text, true-false and comprehension questions, and sequencing, gap-filling, and cloze exercises. The series consists of The Locked Room (Level 1), The Eyes of Montezuma (Level 2), Lifelines (Level 3), and Space Affair (Level 4). The readings can be purchased as a unit, as well, in the Library package. Each disk comes with a paper copy of the Graded Reader upon which it is based.

Reading in the Workplace
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $300 Purchase options: complete set for $1700; lab, network
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Special use: VESL
Description: Reading skills work in an employment context. Six work areas (sold separately or as a complete set): construction, health care, clerical, automotive, electronics, and food services. Each program offers three progressive levels of reading difficulty. Available on disk or CD-ROM.

Reading Magic Library

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network, site; five-title pack
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-3
Special use: Elementary
Description: Interactive storybooks of the 'create your own adventure' type let students step into the shoes of lovable heroes, choosing what will happen next. Students can record themselves reading or create QuickTime movies of their stories. Stories include Jack in the Beanstalk, Hansel and Gretel, Flodd the Bad Guy, Fidd and Martina in Tough Kudd, and Hilary and the Beast. They can be purchased individually or as a five-title pack.

Rhubarb 3.0

Machine: DOS
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders See also Delta, Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: site $140
Level: Advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: N.Johnson, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: Whole-text reconstruction program. Students reconstruct the text one word at a time. Every place a word occurs is revealed when the student enters that word. The program can be played by pairs of students competing against each other or in competition against the computer. Authorable. Teachers can enter reading texts or transcriptions of listening exercises so that students will be reconstructing a text on the computer that they have already encountered in a different mode.

SEEN: Tutorials for Critical Reading

Machine: DOS
Publisher: KenCD Software
Approximate single-unit price: $75 Purchase options: Ed pack; network $550
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Info from: Dalgish
Description: A set of tutorials designed to develop analytical thinking and critical reading skills. Using a set of question prompts, the tutorials enable students to organize and outline their ideas. When used in conjunction with the BBS option, students have the opportunity for peer review and collaboration.
This is no longer available from Conduit; it is now distributed by New Horizons Software.
Ed pack from $220-$550; network $675; site license $1250.

Seesaw

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel Purchase options: shareware; $5 or £1.5 to charity
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Logic puzzles in which learners have to read carefully and think about a set of clues in order to work out missing information on a diagram. The program can be used on screen or will create paper puzzles. Download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

Sequitur

Machine: DOS
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders See also Alta, Delta, Athelstan, Higgins
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Bradin, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc

Description: Students practice arranging sentences of a paragraph in correct order. The computer presents the first line of a text and three possible continuations. Authorable. Teachers can enter texts into the program that students have worked with in class for students to practice on in computer mode.

Sitting on the Farm

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: Children can listen to the story, reading along as the words are highlighted, write their own story, record themselves singing the theme song, and publish their own interpretations of the story. Material is in French, Spanish, or English. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

Sortset

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel See also Alta, Delta, RDA, Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: UK£30; 2-10 user £60
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Jones, Bradin; ESL Linc
Description: Puts words with others in the same category. Learners must correctly place the target word in one of three columns before time runs out. Especially useful for vocabulary or pronunciation and spelling.

Speed Reader

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Level: For:
Description: See Ultimate Speed Reader.

STAR Reading

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Advantage Learning Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Publisher
Description: Computer-adaptive reading test designed to assess the reading level of any student with at least a 100-word vocabulary.

Steps to Comprehension

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $285
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is an interactive reading program with 90 original stories written at 11 different reading levels. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program include a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. Multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Stickybear's Reading Room

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Optimum Resource See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: Teaches pre-reading and basic reading skills in both English and Spanish. Exercises include match the word, find the word, and build a sentence. Activities use colorful animation and digitized speech.

Stop, Look and Listen

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab (5): $80, (10): $120; network: $160
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Adult
Special use: Immigrant literacy
Description: Skills development of visual discrimination, upper and lower case letter, numbers and time. Requires microphone, headset and any one of the following sound devices: Ani-Vox, Covox, Digispeech, Tandy or Sound Blaster.

Storyboard

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Hurst, Levy; STDOT; ESL Linc
Description: Whole-text deletion program. Can import text from other programs. One of the very rare programs for which preparation time (by the teacher) is much shorter than the time required by the learner to finish the activity. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0 (IBM). Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see Appendix). Windows 3.1 and 95 version now included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

SuperCloze, Hangman in Context, and Hangword

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Stevens, Vance and Steve Millmore Purchase options: freeware/shareware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Beller-Kenner; Chantril's
Description: The programs below all work on texts that users provide as plain (ASCII) text files. The programs work on individual computers or on networks, and in registered versions allow some form of record-keeping. Once in place, users simply update texts. Extended ASCII (foreign character) fonts may be used. A manual in a text file accompanies the programs. Developed in conjunction with research on student users. The programs run in a DOS box on Windows 3.1, '95, and NT. The fully functioning classroom version is free; the fee for registration for the research version is indicated when running the software.
Hangword 3.4:
This whole-text deletion program allows students to rebuild texts word-by-word. The registered version allows students to preserve work from one session to the next.
Hangman in Context 4.8:
Developed according to research into its use with students, the familiar hangman game is enhanced here by allowing the target word to be considered in the context of the text from which it is taken. Students buy back context letter by letter in return for points. The registered version allows recapitulation of student sessions.
SuperCloze 6.3:

Developed after extensive research on student users, the program generates on-line cloze interactions with students. Deletions can occur on every nth word (n= 2-9), on words marked for deletion, according to word lists which users can provide, or according to the c-test formula. The registered version allows tracking of student progress.

T*e*x*t*w*a*r*e

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew University Lang. Lab
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site license--texts 10 each, templates extra
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Info from: Ben-Nahum
Description: Textware is a series of text-based modular template programs for the development of reading comprehension skills and for vocabulary enrichment in English as a second language as well as in other foreign languages. The series includes templates so that teachers can add their own texts. Teachers have the option of building in the learner's native language in matching exercises and help facility.
The programs have all the necessary information appearing on screen. Except for typing their names, users need use only the arrow, enter and escape keys and the space bar. Optional functions are available via the F-keys. A graphic card is not required. The programs do utilize color but work in monochrome mode as well. The network version has a learning management system which maintains records of students' activities and supplies both class and individual statistics.
Modules include TextWord, TextComprehension, TextSummary, TextPrediction, TextOpinion, and TextCohesion. See details in each of those listings. Textware has texts at $10 each and an authoring template for an extra fee. A Windows version is in preparation.

Text Tanglers 2.3

Machine: DOS
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders See also Alta, Delta
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Bradin, Jones
Description: A suite of text manipulation programs comprising jumbled sentence, jumbled paragraph, cloze, hangman, and cryptogram templates. The program is easily implemented and works on texts that users provide as ASCII text files. Can be run from within a single subdirectory, or can be run off texts on disks or in subdirectories specified by the user. The program works on individual computers or on networks, and in its registered version allows tracking of student progress. Once it is in place, users simply update texts.

TextCohesion

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site license: $30; plus texts $10 each
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Info from: Ben-Nahum, Beller-Kenner
Description: TextCohesion, part of the TEXTWARE series, has students focus intensively on cohesive devices within texts and thus improve their facility in reading comprehension. References, cause and effect, exemplification and comparison are some of the unifying elements to be practiced in this program. The price is for a site license. Text Cohesion has texts at $10 each and an authoring template for an extra fee. A Windows version is in preparation.

TextComprehension

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site: $30; texts $10 ea., templates extra
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

Info from: Frank; CJ 3:4 1992, Ben-Nahum
Description: This tests reading comprehension of texts. It has multiple-choice, cloze, and open-ended question formats. In the multiple choice format, feedback is given for right and wrong answers. The open-ended version features an editing ability allowing students to type in their own answers. They check their answers by comparing them with suggested model answers that appear in the feedback window. Additional instructional information, such as the focus of the question, may also appear in the feedback window. Students' answers can be printed out or saved on a disk for later discussion with the teacher.
The price is for a site license. Text Comprehension has texts at $10 each and an authoring template for an extra fee. A Windows version is in preparation.

TextOpinion

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Approximate single-unit price: $30   Purchase options: site lic: $30; plus texts $10 each
Level: Advanced   For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank; CJ 3:4 1992; Ben-Nahum
Description: This is a text-based opinion analysis program in which a number of statements have been highlighted in a text (one that students are assumed to have already read). Students are asked to decide whether the highlighted statements reflect the writer's opinion. After indicating whether the writer agrees or disagrees with a statement, students must find support for their decision in the text. Explanatory feedback is provided to help them recognize whether their choices of 'supporting statements' confirm or contradict the writer's opinion. This may lead them to reevaluate their initial answers. Students who would like to reconsider their decisions may do so at any time via one of the function keys.
The price is for a site license. Text Opinion has texts at $10 each and an authoring template for an extra fee. A Windows version is in preparation.

TextPrediction

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Approximate single-unit price: $30   Purchase options: site lic: $30; plus texts $10 each
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank; CJ 3:4 1992; Ben-Nahum
Description: This program includes several activities to help learners use prediction as a tool for improving their reading comprehension. In the first activity, students are asked to match a number of text synopses with their titles. The titles are presented as a list taken from textbooks at different levels. The next series of activities involves predicting paragraph content and text structure. The student starts by selecting a text from a list. In the first of these activities students try to predict the main idea of a paragraph, based on its opening sentence. In the next activity they decide in which paragraph they expect to find the answer to a question on the basis of its opening sentence. They are then shown the paragraph and check to see if it contains the answer to the question.
Using the same opening sentences of each paragraph and a list of possible subtitles, students try to construct an outline of the text by grouping the opening sentences into sections under the appropriate subtitles.
In the final activity, the opening sentences are presented in a scrambled order in what is called a jumbled skim. Drawing on the cohesive features of the opening sentences, students try to rearrange the sentences according to their order in the original text.
The price is for a site license. Text Prediction has texts at $10 each and an authoring template for an extra fee. A Windows version is in preparation.

TextScramble

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.

Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site lic.: $30; plus texts $10 each
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank, Ben-Nahum
Description: Students arrange the scrambled sentences of a text in the right order.
The price is for a site license. TextScramble has texts at $10 each and an authoring template for an extra fee. A Windows version is in preparation.

TextSummary

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site lic.: $30; plus texts $10 each
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank; CJ 3:4 1992; Ben-Nahum
Description: This reading comprehension program is designed to give students practice in identifying the main ideas of an extensive text. The program is based on the assumption that the user is already familiar with the text to be 'summarized.'
Students work from the text, choosing the sentences or combinations of sentences that best express the main ideas or summary statements of the text. They are given appropriate feedback as to the adequacy of their choices. The summary statements of the program can serve as a basis for written summaries with the addition of appropriate cohesive devices.
The program has two formats. In summary-->text for lower level students, students work from a series of summary statements and locate sentences in the text that express the same ideas. In the more advanced text-->summary, students 'build up' summary statements only after identifying main ideas in the text and demonstrating their comprehension of these ideas by choosing a correct reformulation of them in a multiple choice format.
The price is for a site license. Text Summary has texts at $10 each and an authoring template for an extra fee. A Windows version is in preparation.

TextWord

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site license: $30, plus $10 per text
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank; Ben-Nahum
Description: TextWord is a text-based program for reading comprehension and vocabulary enrichment that encourages the use of context clues to arrive at the meanings of unknown words. The target words appear first in sentences from the text. Then, if necessary, the words are again presented in easier sentences with more obvious context clues. Finally, the words appear in sentences with highlighted context clues for students needing further help. Feedback is provided to student responses, which are limited by a multiple-choice format. Higher level texts offer two vocabulary lists with a maximum of 20 words per list. The bank of texts includes a variety of topics. Activities for vocabulary reinforcement include two variants of a modified cloze, synonym or L1-L2 matching exercises, and a version of Hangman featuring the vocabulary words and using synonym clues.
Using the optional audio component (audio board required), students can hear an actual voice recording of the Textwords, the multiple-choice options and the reinforcement feedback. TextWord has texts at $10 each and an authoring template for an extra fee. A Windows version is in preparation.
VocabularyReview is an addition to TextWord ($30 for a site license) which may be used to test the vocabulary level of students, either for diagnostic purposes or for evaluation, as well as to review vocabulary at a particular level. The activity is similar to the multiple choice activity in TextWord, but words are selected at random from all texts on a particular level, rather than from one text.

Thematic Applications: American Pluralism
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab (5): $300, (10): $550
Level: Advanced For: All but K-2
Description: Readings with accompanying activities. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Thinking Things Collection 1
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: lab, school version
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K -6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Info from: Wivell, justice
Description: Thinking Thinks develops problem solving skills for small children but is also quite useful all the way to adults for oral language development in discussing attributes: color; striped; polka-dotted; plain; curly hair; glasses. Visit the Fripple Shop and Feathered Friends, especially.

Thomas' Snowsuit
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. An interactive story with listening support in either English or Spanish. Tells the story of the many ways adults try to get Thomas to wear his snow suit. The reading of each sentence can be slowed to make it more accessible for ESL students. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Thumbnail Theater: Macbeth
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Timelines, maps of England, video clips, other supporting information as well as a 9-minute animated synopsis of Macbeth. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Thumbnail Theater: Treasure Island
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Life of Robert Lewis Stevenson, analysis of the characters, stories of famous pirates, and other supporting material. Includes an animated synopsis of Treasure Island. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

TOEFL Mastery 3.1
Machine: Win
Publisher: ALA See also Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $160 Purchase options: quantity discounts, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL Prep

Info from: N.Johnson, Beller-Kenner
Description: TOEFL Mastery is a test preparation software package featuring practice exercises and full-length, timed practice tests following the question formats used in the TOEFL. The program includes a tutorial on how to use the program features, practice exercises, practice section tests, two full-length tests, a tutorial on test taking strategies, score reporting and high quality digitized audio for the listening section. Students can review their mistakes, get feedback on their incorrect answer choices, and have another chance to answer the questions they missed or skipped. Requires CD-ROM drive and audio card.

TOEFL Mentor

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Encomium Publications See also Wida, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Beller-Kenner, Sachs
Description: TOEFL Mentor is a HyperCard-like program that runs off a CD-ROM and includes tutorials, practice tests and timed tests for all sections of the TOEFL test: Structure and Grammar, Listening Comprehension, and Reading Comprehension. In addition, test taking strategies and tips are available for both the TOEFL and the Test of Written English. We've had positive response from students and faculty who have used it, and have had some success in using it in a workshop environment where more traditional materials (books and tapes) are also available for students to use. (Sachs) Encomium will update TOEFL Mentor to reflect future changes in the content/format of the TOEFL test by ETS. Demos are available for downloading from the Encomium Publications web page at http://www.encomium.com. See Tom Robb's review of the program at http://www.kyoto-su.ac.jp/people/teacher/trobb/mentor/mr2.html

TOEFL Mentor, Web-based

Machine: Win
Publisher: Encomium Publications Purchase options: network
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Special use: TOEFL
Description: TOEFL practice program that can be run stand-alone or over a network. Slated for March 1999. Requires a multimedia PC, Internet Explorer 4.0, Netscape 4.0 or higher, plug-ins; 32MB RAM minimum.

TOEFL Practice Test

Machine: DOS
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Kenner, Beller-Kenner
Description: A set of 30 practice drills modeled on the TOEFL test. This diagnostic test refers students to supplementary readings and exercises contained in a series of standard texts, whose titles are provided. The program is designed so that a novice programmer can easily change the items and produce new exercises.

TOEFL Sampler

Machine: Win
Publisher: Educational Testing Service Purchase options: freeware
Level: Advanced For: 9-12, HE
Description: Preparation for the computer-based TOEFL with some sample items. Mostly consists of computer familiarization activities. CD-ROM.

Tommy the Time Turtle
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3
Special use: literacy, elementary, bilingual
Description: Practice in telling time. ESL version includes a set of disks in Spanish, where vocal instructions and all text are in Spanish, as well as a set of disks in English. This is also sold as part of the Heartsoft Bestseller package.

Tortoise and the Hare
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive. If this program is used on an IBM or compatible, it requires an MPC-compliant machine.

Treehouse, The
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Pre-K-6
Special use: elementary
Info from: Wivell
Description: This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick. Includes seven educational games. Students explore the on-screen hideaway, learning about music, animals, mathematics, sentence structure, money & place value. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Trudy's Time and Place House
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: school version avail.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K - 3
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: Time and geography instruction. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Ultimate Speed Reader
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Bradin, Healey; STDOT, Beller-Kenner
Description: An updated version of Davidson's Speed Reader with six activities, including a game mode, and a management system that tracks student progress. This reading skills program includes letter and word recognition, eye movement and column reading exercises, as well as various readings. Texts can be added by using the authoring component (not simply by using a word-processed file). No single-user version is available. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Urban Reader

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $230
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual (8 languages)
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is an interactive reading program with 48 original stories written at 11 different reading levels. Story topics include: The Olympic Games, Alcohol and Driving, Street Games, and more. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program include a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. Multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

VersaText Reading Development Program

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Novasoft/ICD Corp. See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Bradin; STDOT; Sellers, Beller-Kenner
Description: These are computer-based reading lessons. Texts come with explanatory notes connected to parts of the text, timed and paced reading exercises, true/false and fill in the blank comprehension questions. Lesson topics available include lifestyles, newspaper articles, fables and short stories.

Vital Signs: The Good Health Resource

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Texas Caviar See also EduCorp, Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $70
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Description: Students learn about health problems, important ways to reduce health risks, how to record and track personal health information and organizations that are valuable sources of further information. The health database is completely bilingual in Spanish and English and includes toll-free numbers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Volcanoes: Life on the Edge

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-4
Special use: science
Description: Multimedia information about volcanoes. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Word Stuff: Amazing English

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman
Approximate single-unit price: $85
Level: Intermediate For: 4-8
Info from: Publisher
Description: Part of the Amazing English series, the CD-ROM teaches reading skills appropriate to novels plus some essay writing. Hard-bound teacher's manual. Separate CDs for pre-K-3 (Word Stuff = $85), 3-6 (Word Attack = $90).

WorldWalker Destination: Australia

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Soleil Software See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Intermediate For: 2-12
Special use: bilingual (Sp., Fr.)
Info from: Bishop
Description: CD-ROM-based vocabulary study integrated into a problem-solving approach with an Australian theme. Includes some map reading activities. Designed for native speakers. A demo can be downloaded from http://www.soleil.com/. The price is for a teacher's edition.

Writing, Reading and Thinking Lab

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Wasatch Education Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $300
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-12
Description: Five computer-based tools to facilitate the writing process. A Word Processor with a built-in spell checker, a Map Planner used in assisting students in identifying the audience and purpose of a writing task, an Idea Organizer used for clustering, brainstorming and semantic mapping, a Story Mapper which helps students focus on the elements of a story (characters, setting, plot and theme) and a Sequence Builder useful for planning, outlining and organizing work. The program can be purchased in either English and Spanish. The program with a management component is $300; with just the writing units, $100. CD-ROM.

Zargon Zoo

Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Heinemann ELT See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: An interactive adventure that requires only a low level of English and that is suitable for teenagers and young adults. Runs under Windows on the IBM.

REFERENCE

American Heritage Talking Dictionary

Machine: Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $25
Level: Advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto
Description: This wasn't written for non-native speakers, and it's almost totally lacking in examples of usage, but it's certainly useful as a teacher's reference tool. It comes with a thesaurus and a 'cultural literacy' dictionary and can be used as a spell checker for any text. Contains pronunciations of all entries along with definitions. CD-ROM.

Animals, The

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Mindscape
Approximate single-unit price: $70
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Moore
Description: This is a CD-ROM multimedia tour of San Diego Zoo. It includes 80 video clips (small-2x 3 inches on screen), pictures and information about 200 animals, information about the areas they live in, and a section on endangered animals. We plan to use it as an information source for intermediate academic students. It seems to have been created for primary to secondary school students, but has been popular with adult EFL students. The menu page is a picture of the zoo from above, and you just click on the area you're interested in or choose an animal from a list. (Moore) Version 2 includes the A to Z Gallery, with an animal for each letter of the alphabet.

Cinemania

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Microsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Leuschner
Description: This CD-ROM is a interactive database of 19,000+ movie titles. It includes QuickTime clips from actual films, reviews, cinematographic descriptions, biographies and photographs of actors, summaries of plots, Academy Award lists, and a wealth of other information. All the data is easily searchable in several ways and connected with hypertext links. Of particular utility in language learning are the audio segments of dialog from many films; learners can read the accompanying text, but they cannot listen and read the text at the same time. Intended for use in a content-based course on film for University-level ESL students. Also good for teachers and students who want to add clips to multimedia presentations.

Collins On-Line Complete Edition CD-ROM

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaTech See also Delta Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: This contains the Collins Pocket Bilinguals (French, German, Spanish, Italian) and a computer-based version of the COBUILD ESL Student's Dictionary that can be accessed from within any word processing program. Students can highlight a word either in a reading assignment entered by the teacher or while word processing and jump immediately into the dictionary to check its meaning or spelling. A five CD-ROM pack is $200, a ten-user license (1 CD-ROM, all

dictionaries) is $350.00, and the Collins On-Line Network Utility (required to run Collins On-Line from a network server) is $150.

Electric Library

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Infonautics
Approximate single-unit price: $90 Purchase options: yearly subscription
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Any
Description: Web-based full-text online research service at http://www.elibrary.com/education; by subscription. Searches a database of popular magazines, journals, newspapers, reference works, TV and radio transcripts, photos and maps.

First Connections: The Golden Book Encyclopedia

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Pre-K-4
Special use: Elementary
Description: Designed for grades 4-6, this CD-ROM-based reference uses audio and graphics to enhance learner understanding of the text. Students can search by title, medium, or category. It also includes a reference game where students get questions to look up in the encyclopedia. Runs on the Mac (System 7.0.7 or higher, 4MB RAM, 4MB hard drive space) and under Windows 3.0. Lab pack of 5 is $240; lab of 15, $690; site (30), $1320; site (50), $2100.

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Grolier Electronic Publishing See also MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Leuschner, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: A CD-ROM based encyclopedia; updated annually. Starting with 1997 version, it includes direct links from articles to related Internet sites for those with an Internet connection.

Insight: Career Exploration Tool

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Curriculum Associates
Approximate single-unit price: $200 Purchase options: lab
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-9
Description: Career planning software for trade- or college-oriented students or adults.

LinguaSy Power Concordancer

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: $80 for 5, $400 site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: Concordancing for Windows. Supports most European languages, unlimited texts, KWIC display, extended search patterns, frequency display, and user-defined categories. Has a customisable interface, full on-line help, easy 'Step-by-step' guides to using the program, built-in word processor, activities guide, and simple corpus management. Comes with texts. Easy to install and use. Will link to the Lingua Systems Tag Editor for tagged texts. More information is available from http://www1.btwebworld.com/LinguaSy

Longman Dictionary of American English

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Exceller Software See also Educational Software Institute

Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: network: $300
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: L. Johnson, Algren, Magoto; CJ 5:3 1994
Description: LDAE has over 38,000 definitions, which have been especially written for an ESL audience. The program is well designed, the screens are clear and easy to use, and the program can be used inside other applications. Incorporating all the features of the Longman Dictionary, it is also useful as a grammar learning tool--a study notes option let students review or clarify basic grammar and usage concepts. The Macintosh version of LDAE makes use of Apple's PlainTalk Text-to-Speech software.

Longman Interactive American Dictionary

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Catalog, website
Description: This CD-ROM-based multimedia dictionary includes sound, graphic images, and video with text. Has grammar and pronunciation components as searchable indexes as well as built into the dictionary. Since it runs under Windows on the PC, it is possible to have the dictionary and a word-processor open at the same time, but only on computers with a lot of memory. Requires System 7 and a 68040 or better processor on the Macintosh.

Microsoft Bookshelf

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Microsoft See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto; ESL Linc
Description: A CD-ROM based set of reference materials, including on-line versions of The American Heritage Dictionary, Roget's Thesaurus, The World Almanac and Book of Facts, The Concise Columbia Encyclopedia, The Columbia Dictionary of Quotations, The People's Chronology, The Hammond World Atlas, and the National Five-digit Zip Code and Post Office Directory. There are hypertext links between most of the materials, so the student can click on a word in the encyclopedia, and Bookshelf will jump to its dictionary where the student can even hear the word pronounced. Well-designed and very informative, but like most multimedia programs, it really needs an up-to-date Mac or PC.

Microsoft Encarta

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Microsoft See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $70
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Milton, Magoto, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: For students doing English for Academic Purposes, this is the best of the CD-ROM encyclopedias. It covers more topics and in a more sophisticated way than others I'm familiar with. Its interface isn't quite as good as Compton's, and its multimedia content isn't as extensive as Grolier's but the overall contents, especially the digital videos, are more thoughtfully arranged. (J.Magoto) Updated annually. Current version does not run under Windows 3.1.

Microsoft Encarta Virtual Globe

Machine: Win
Publisher: Microsoft See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: This CD-ROM has both the traditional two-dimensional maps and three-dimensional ones, including a globe that learners can spin. CultureGrams and a 'family portraits' section that

looks at the lives of 31 families in depth give added perspective to the global information presented. Includes color graphics, sound, and videos. Requires Windows 95 or later. Will not run on earlier versions of Windows.

MTX

Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: Lee Wright & Associates See also LinguaTech (outside the US)
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE, Adult
Special use: ESP
Description: A terminology database that allows students and translators to access a large library of specialized electronic bilingual dictionaries and build their own customized annotation files. DOS and Windows.

New Oxford Picture Dictionary

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: £35
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Chinese versions), literacy
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM version of the classic dictionary for beginners. Also available: English-Spanish and English-Chinese versions.

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary on CD-ROM

Machine: Win
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: £60; site
Level: Advanced For: All
Description: CD-ROM-based dictionary offers pictures, maps, games, some audio, and a variety of search options.

Oxford Electronic Wordpower Dictionary

Machine: Win
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK See also Wida, Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: £38; site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Chantril's
Description: This disk-based dictionary includes not only the usual word lookups, but also three levels of word games and puzzles. Learners can cut and paste from the dictionary into a word-processor and can print out words and definitions encountered in the games. British English.

Oxford Reference Shelf

Machine: Win
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK Purchase options: £35 per 'shelf'
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Info from: Lee
Description: Includes specialised 'shelves' such as the Writer's Shelf, the Business Shelf, Language Shelf, and Science Shelf, each with several Oxford reference books. Provides all functions common to most electronic dictionaries such as searching, cross-referencing, etc., but it does not talk. To look up a reference when working on a word processor, user has either to switch program on Windows or to use the USE CLIPBOARD function that looks up a word automatically as soon as it is copied onto the clipboard. On disk or CD-ROM.

Random House Unabridged Dictionary

Machine: Win
Publisher: Random House Reference & Information Publishing
Approximate single-unit price: $75
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Nicoll, Milton
Description: A CD-ROM on-line unabridged dictionary, version 2.0 (to be released in May, 1996) runs under both Windows 95 and Windows 3.1 and offers pronunciation and graphics with many entries.

Street Atlas USA

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: DeLorme Mapping See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $55
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Leuschner
Description: Requires CD-ROM drive. You can look at the US using various zooms, down to street level.

Time Multimedia Almanac

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto, Leuschner, Beller-Kenner
Description: On CD-ROM. A compendium of articles, pictures, and movies for the past ten years, as well as other significant periods in U.S. history. The program has an excellent interface and provides many ways to search its rich contents. Advanced students enjoy how easy it is to find and access authentic sources.

Webster's Spanish/English Dictionary

Machine: Win
Publisher: Exceller See also Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: Bilingual
Description: Allows online lookup of Spanish to English or vice-versa. Replaces Key Into Spanish. Definitions give examples of usage. Reference tables in Spanish and English include commonly used phrases, irregular verbs, signs, weights and measures, and currency tables. CD-ROM.

Word Action

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp., Fr.)
Description: CD-ROM multimedia dictionary with video, graphics, sound. 700 words can be accessed alphabetically by language or through the eight categories. Includes four games. Mac and Windows CD-ROMs sold separately.

SPEAKING

Business English Activities

Machine: Win
Publisher: Vektor See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business
Description: Windows-based CD-ROM package uses a mixture of British and American English to help learners practice listening to business English. A dialogue or story is followed by a series of activities, including listening, voice recording and playback, and true/false comprehension questions. This is a six-CD series, with each CD covering a somewhat different area of business communication. 486 or better, Windows 3.1 or later required.

Conversations

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $195 Purchase options: lab (5):$390, (10):$585; network: $780
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: Conversations offers 14 different dialogues in which the student can participate. The program features two speakers, and the student can take the part of either one. Requires microphone and headset and any one of the following sound devices: AniVox, Covox, Digispeech, Tandy, or Sound Blaster.

Dynamic Business English

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $700 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port), business
Info from: Wachman, McKee
Description: Formerly known as Interactive Business English. Presented in a similar format to Dynamic English for ESL, this listening-based business English course on 6 CD-ROMs offers the listening, speaking, reading, and critical thinking skills for the workplace/international business situation. The topics are Company History, Job History, Manufacturing and Trade, Product Comparisons, Overseas Assignment, and Future Consequences. This content-based program begins with a Presentation during which the student answers periodic listening comprehension questions. These questions reinforce the vocabulary, language concepts, and structure, while giving the students repeated opportunities to respond. The feedback includes an automated 'shuffler level' which adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions according to the learner's response. The Question Practice gives the student practice in question formation. Quantitative English, Dictations, the Verb Grid, and Grammar Fill-In test the student's knowledge. The program includes voice recording capability for student practice. Mac and Windows. Individual CDs (one topic each) can be purchased separately.

English by the Numbers

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab and site
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port, It)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: This CD-ROM-based course focuses on the language of numbers and basic mathematics. Useful for students and people in business and technical fields who need to understand or make oral presentations in English, do business over the telephone, participate in

question-and-answer sessions involving the exchange of numerical information, and improve listening comprehension. Each unit includes a brief oral presentation followed by practice activities that test listening comprehension. The material is suitable for TOEIC levels 450-750.

Functioning in Business
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $900 Purchase options: network, lab and site licenses
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: These four CD-ROMs use QuickTime Video and speech recognition technologies to create an engaging learning environment. The course is designed for intermediate level students preparing to use English in a business context. The primary focus is on practical language functions common in the business world such as requesting, refusing, suggesting, confirming, etc. Vocabulary is developed in the context of meetings, phone calls, a business lunch, negotiations, and a disagreement. Provides about 80-100 hours of intensive self-study and practice. Networkable.

Idiom Demons
Machine: DOS, Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab, network, site; 3 sets for $130
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Description: Presents same material as ESL Demons in dialog format. Networkable.

Imagination Express: Destination: Neighborhoods
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: justice, Bishop
Description: Excellent software for making interactive storybooks. For ESL purposes, it is even better if projected onto a large screen for whole class oral language activities. Choose from a variety of scenes: school, home, playground, mall, etc. Place people and objects into this setting. These 'smart stickers' can be positioned inside, beside, behind, in front of, etc. and change their size according to where they are placed on the screen. Narration can be added.
Other CD's in the series: Castle; Rain Forest; Ocean; Pyramids; &, Time Trip, USA (With Destination: Ocean, an animation feature was added.) For ESL, Neighborhoods and Oceans are probably most helpful. Sheltered English classes might be able to use others depending on subject.

Interactive English
Machine: Win
Publisher: 1-12 Interactive
Description: See Language Solution, The: Interactive English. Sold by Wida as Interactive English.

Language Solution, The: Interactive English
Machine: Win
Publisher: 1-12 Interactive See also Wida, Learning Services, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: £100; lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Description: CD-ROM version of a text by the same name. Point and click operation, with no writing required. Uses graphics, animation, and voice recording and playback. Includes student tracking software. Approved by the California Instructional Technology Clearinghouse.

Longman English Works 1 & 2

Machine: Win
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: £45
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp., Fr., Ger., It.)
Description: Based on Robert O'Neill's books of the same name, geared to false beginners. Each of the 2 CD-ROMs presents 39 recorded dialogues and texts taken from the student book. Learners can choose to see translations of part of the dialogue in French, German, Italian, or Spanish. Learners can listen and record their part of a dialogue sentence by sentence or as a whole. Dialogues include survival skills such as giving personal information, times and numbers, introducing oneself, checking into a hotel, and interview questions and answers.

Lost Secret, The

Machine: Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $800 Purchase options: site, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr)
Info from: Wachman
Description: BBC English's mystery is presented on CD-ROM in MPEG full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. The focus is on listening comprehension for basic level students. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Provides 80-100 hours of home or classroom study. A textbook, student workbook, and teacher's guide are available. Networkable.

Sitting on the Farm

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: Children can listen to the story, reading along as the words are highlighted, write their own story, record themselves singing the theme song, and publish their own interpretations of the story. Material is in French, Spanish, or English. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

Small Talk 1 & 2

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Libra Multimedia See also Wida, Educorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $135 Purchase options: Each CD for $50
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM practice in conversational English (British English) related to travel, social contacts, and work. Variety of listening and speaking exercises including voice recording. CD #1 focuses on home, family, health, and spare time; #2, on transportation, holidays, weather, hotels, restaurants, and going out; #3, on work, companies, business and the economy, social trends, and national differences.

Telephone Talk 1&2

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Libra Multimedia See also Wida, Educorp, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $90
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

Info from: Milton; ESL Linc
Description: Requires CD-ROM drive. British English. Almost 100 dialogues for listening and speaking practice, with color photos and exercises to improve understanding. Learners can choose to see the text on screen as they listen to the dialogue. They can also record themselves to compare to the model. Functions addressed include getting through on the phone, understanding names and numbers, dealing with offers and invitations, making appointments, ordering things, and making complaints.

Telephoning in English

Machine: Win
Publisher: Cambridge University Press Purchase options: UK£25
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business
Info from: Website
Description: Listening and speaking practice in a business English context. Topics include Unit 1; Who's calling, please?; Unit 2; Would you hold on, please?; Unit 3; I'd like to know your prices; Unit 4; We're ready to order now; Unit 5; I'll have to change the booking; Unit 6; Let's fix another date; Unit 7; What seems to be the trouble?; Unit 8; I'm sure we can sort it out. British English. CD-ROM.

TRACI TALK, the Mystery

Machine: Win
Publisher: Courseware Publishing International
Approximate single-unit price: $125 Purchase options: site, lab packs, networkable
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, Adult, HE
Info from: V. Stevens; DigiEnglish
Description: Conversation program in form of a mystery story. Users must carry on a conversation, using a microphone, with four characters in the program to obtain information to solve a mystery. Speech recognition technology allows users to speak with the characters. TRACI, CPI's Teacher Ranging Across the Computer Interface, is always available to help; users just say, 'TRACI Help,' etc. Programming developed at Stanford's Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) is used with IBM VoiceType speech recognition. Requires Windows 3.1, '95, or NT. 486 or better with 8MB (16 with Win 95, more with NT) RAM, CD-ROM drive, 16-bit sound card, and a microphone. 100 MHz Pentium with 16MB RAM is recommended. Master site license for all CPI titles is available. Special student price of $30 at schools with a Master site license.

VOCABULARY

Alphabet, The
Machine: Win
Publisher: Protea Textware
See also Wida Purchase options: AUD$95 for single user; lab pack avail.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: literacy
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: For beginner level students with zero or near zero English literacy levels. Teaches and tests the names of letters, upper/lower case matching, alphabetical order, etc. AUD$95 for single user; AUD $190 for 5 user license. CD-ROM.

Billiards 'N Homonyms
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-8
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Website
Description: Students see a sentence to complete at the top of the screen, and try to shoot a billiard ball at the pocket near the appropriate homonym. Correct choices make it into the pocket. The word lists can be customized. The English and ESL version includes two sets of disks, one in English and one in Spanish. In the Spanish version, vocal instructions are in Spanish and text is in English. Part of the Heartsoft Bestseller collection.

BodyBuilder
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software Purchase options: site
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: justice
Description: The Tutorial section teaches the parts of the body and face. Students can then use Build-a-Face and Build-a-Body to choose the characteristics of either a body or face by answering basic, either-or questions, which are both spoken and written. After all the questions are answered, the BodyBuilder assembles the face or body, saying all the words as it proceeds. An online glossary is also available.

CALL for English Library Disks
Machine: Win, Mac, DOS
Publisher: Wida See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: TOEFL
Description: Eurocentres teachers have used Wida's authoring programs and created ready-to-go library disks for almost all levels, elementary to advanced, concentrating on vocabulary, grammar practice, etc., but also exam practice including TOEFL. There are 35 disks in all. 27 of the titles are available in Macintosh format (contact the publisher for details). Windows version due out in February 1999; that will be called the Eurocentres CALL Library for English. These packages are now sold by Wida.

CALLEAP
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Wida Software Purchase options: $110 for up to 25 machines.
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE

Description: Uses Wida's Gapmaster program to offer a range of practice materials for English for Academic Purposes students. 21 exercises work on finding the missing words, word building, finding and correcting mistakes in a text, answering questions about a written text, and analyzing data in a table. A student workbook, teacher's manual, and learner's manual are included.

Canadian Links for ESL

Machine: DOS
Publisher: NAS Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $195 Purchase options: site license $595
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 9-12, Adult
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: Designed for new immigrants to Canada, this uses multiple choice quizzes, typing and dragging exercises, and database searches on health, job search, vocabulary, grammar, literacy, and life skills topics. Minimum hardware requirements: 286 IBM/compatible, color monitor, mouse.

Coin Changer

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual
Description: Practice for beginners in recognizing the value of (US) coins and bills. The ESL version includes a set of disks in Spanish as well as in English. This program is also sold as part of the Heartsoft Bestseller package.

Compton's Encyclopedia Deluxe

Machine: Win
Publisher: Compton's New Media See also Learning Company, Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Magoto, Beller-Kenner; Chantril's
Description: A CD-ROM based encyclopedia, which is notable for its ease of navigation and quality of articles, which are written at 10th grade reading level. Its multimedia elements are somewhat uneven--the charts and photos are excellent comprehension aids, the digital movies and sounds aren't as helpful. Good introduction to research skills, even for lower level proficiency students. (Magoto)
The Windows version has one feature that is definitely worth looking into. It's called Editing Room and it's basically a multimedia report writing option. Students can take pictures, videos, animations, sound, and even create narration to develop a multimedia slide presentation of their research findings. There are sample shows on the disk which give students ideas for things they can create. It's a great deal considering you get the encyclopedia with all of its images and sounds and this multimedia report writer on one disk.

Computer-based Placement & Grading Test for English as a Foreign Language

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Eurocentres Zurich
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Newson, Beller-Kenner
Description: This is a yes/no computer-based placement test for English that uses vocabulary to assess the learner's proficiency level.

Context

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Johns, Tim Purchase options: Freeware

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins
Description: Freeware concordancer with suggestions for vocabulary exercises based on concordance data. Uses a corpus of about 6 million words for the dataset. Download the file from http://sun1.bham.ac.uk/johnstf/xcontxts.exe.

Core Reading and Vocabulary Development

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $675 Purchase options: lab (5):$1350, (10):2025; network: $2700
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-6, Adult
Special use: Elementary
Info from: N.Johnson; ESL Linc
Description: This program is a comprehensive approach to reading and language development. In the first phase, students see and say each word. In the Mac version students can hear each word pronounced. They can also record their pronunciation and compare it to the model. This digitized speech option in DOS computers requires an Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy sound chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster. The second phase is a reading of the lesson text, 2-3 sentences per screen. The same text is then presented in a timed reading exercise, one phrase at a time. The reading speed can be set from 25 WPM to 250 WPM.
Next the student completes a fill-in exercise using a word list at the bottom of the screen. Students are then presented with comprehension questions. These are in a Yes/no format. Students can refer back to the text to find the answer, and on an incorrect response the computer highlights the sentence where the answer should have been found.
Writing practice is conducted with the students' completing each word of a sentence from the text, where the first letter of each word is given. In a variation of the word completion exercise, students watch a target word move across the screen, when the word reaches the center of the screen it stops and part of the word disappears. The students type the missing letters. In one more word level exercise the students choose the correct spelling of a word from two distractors.
The TESOL/CELIA CD has a demo of this program. Mac version includes audio output of program directions in either English or Spanish.

Corpus Collections

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Higgins, Beller-Kenner
Description: These collections are to be used with a concordancer, such as MonoConc or MicroConcord, which lets you search large text libraries for all occurrences of a word. This is an excellent way of dealing with many questions which arise out of corrections of written work, such as 'What is the difference between first and at first?' or '..I don't care and I don't mind?' Collection A taken from 'The Independent' newspaper; Collection B taken from OUP publications.

Creatorial

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Independent Software
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Hurst
Description: This software replaces First Fifty Phrasal Verbs and was written by the highly productive team from Independent Software in Lucerne, Switzerland; it consists of a four modules for Phrasal Verbs, namely Study, Testing, Correction, Analysis. This is now also *authoring* software, and is very useful for teachers wishing to teach or for students wishing to start the study of this difficult area for FL students. The lovely thing about this software is that the teacher can use

it to test an entire class and then use the analytical module to see in which area of this topic the students need remedial work.

Crossword Compiler for Windows

Machine: Win
Publisher: Lewis, Anthony
See also Windows shareware sites Purchase options: £28 shareware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: all
Description: This is VERY easy to use. It is available via FTP: oak.oakland.edu /SimTel/msdos/windows3/ The filename is: ccwin15.zip
It's also at http://www.winsite.com/info/pc/win95/games/ccwin412.exe/

Crossword Creator

Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies See also MacConnection, MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT
Description: Crossword puzzle maker. Includes a thesaurus to help in generating clues. This package received several recommendations and was praised for being easy to use, though it helps to read the documentation in order to take advantage of all the features. Puzzles can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor.

Crossword Magic

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Mindscape See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: CD-ROM version of one of the original crossword puzzle generators. Has multilingual capability. Crosswords can be played on screen or printed out.

Crossword Plus for Windows

Machine: Win
Publisher: Parsons Technology See also RDA Mind Builders
Approximate single-unit price: $25
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Description: Students can listen to clues or read them on screen. Comes with 100 puzzles and authoring capability. Can use colors and fonts to differentiate clues and subjects. Puzzles can be solved on-screen or printed out. Requires Windows and a sound card.

DressMe

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-8
Special use: elementary
Info from: justice
Description: This simple ESL program developed by teachers focuses on clothing and accessory vocabulary. Students dress male and female characters through commands they give. Students see graphics and vocabulary words, and use both in activities. The program includes an online speaking glossary. Multiple program site licences available.

Dropin

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel

See also Wida Purchase options: shareware; $5 or £1.5 to charity
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Word-puzzle generator with authored words. Puts a short message into a grid, pushing all the letters randomly to the top of the grid. Letters have to be 'dropped' to the right row until the message makes sense. Download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

Dynamic Classics

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: DynEd International
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: 4 titles for $200; lab, site available
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Jap)
Description: Dramatized retellings of Round the World in 80 days, A Christmas Carol, Alice in Wonderland, and Robin Hood on interactive CD-ROM supported by dictations, fill-ins, character matrix, and on-line comprehension aids. For listening, reading, and vocabulary development. Voice recording. 4 titles for $200; lab, site license available.

English Pro

Machine: Win
Publisher: Eduverse Accelerated Learning
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: literacy
Description: This CD-ROM-based program uses a 'touch and talk' virtual keyboard to help students create mental maps of the phonetic structure of English. Students can use graphics, sound, animation, and text to work on vocabulary and pronunciation skills.

English Vocabulary: Home; Shopping; School and Work; Going Places; Comparison; Location

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Courseware Publishing International See also Harcourt-Brace, Athelstan, Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $200 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: N.Johnson; ESL Linc
Description: A talking head introduces the concept, e.g., opposites. The student can see the text of the explanation while hearing it again if that is needed or desired. Students expand and confirm their understanding by choosing pictures to hear more opposites, e.g., happy/sad, fat/thin, or other vocabulary depending on the topic. The lesson then moves on to explain the use and forms of comparatives in the case of the opposites disk. The final activity places the vocabulary in real world contexts. Useful for false beginners or intermediate level students as a review of vocabulary forms and usage. Requires CD-ROM drive. Master site license for all CPI titles is available. Special student price of $90 for a set of six CDs at schools with a Master site license.

Eurocentres CALL Library

Machine: Win
Publisher: Wida Purchase options: £75 for 1-5 users
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: Ten volumes of exercises to use with the Wida Authoring Suite programs (Gapmaster, Storyboard, Matchmaster, Choicemaster, Testmaster). These have been ported from the DOS-based CALL for English originals. Volumes include Elementary Grammar, Vocabulary, and Functions; Intermediate Grammar and Vocabulary; Advanced Grammar, Vocabulary, and Functions; Cambridge Proficiency Practice, and International Business Topics.

Findword
Machine: Win
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Higgins
Description: This is a program to retrieve words containing specified letters, sounds, or belonging to specified grammar categories. Runs under Windows 95. Requires additional download from Oxford Text Archive. Free for download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

First 50 Phrasal Verbs
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Independent Software
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Hurst
Description: Now called Creatorial; see description there.

Firsthand Access
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: DynEd International See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $150
Level: Beginning For: 6-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Kor)
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: This beginning-level course, based on Longman Group's English Firsthand series, is designed for learners is grades 6-12 and provides about 40 hours of interactive study on CD-ROM. It uses audio and graphics to enhance listening activities. Activities include repetition, comprehension questions, gap-filling exercises, matching words to objects, sentence construction, and voice recording. Sentence structures are presented in the context of everyday conversational functions.

Gessler QKids Enrichment Kit
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Three components, also sold separately: QPictionary, using a talking ABC board to build vocabulary and alphabet knowledge; QRead, with six video and audio stories; and QDo, with seven games for word identification through reading or listening. Each component is $40. CD-ROM.

GesslerQ Quickstart
Machine: Win
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: This CD-ROM introduces approximately 650 vocabulary words in five different settings, with sound and graphics. Includes alphabet work. Designed for those with no previous English.

GesslerQ Review
Machine: Win
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $355 Purchase options: Components also sold separately.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

Description: Three sets of CD-ROMs for a multimedia review of reading, grammar, and vocabulary. Reading 1 and 2 have a variety of texts including letters, magazine articles, stories, and humor. Grammar 1 and 2 review English tenses with anecdotes, short stories, articles, and dialogues. Vocabulary 1 and 2 use video clips with topics including leisure and hobbies, the environment, and the world of entertainment. Exercises and practice tests are included in all of these sets. Each set of two CD-ROMs can be purchased separately for $140. Lab, network, and site options are also available.

Hangman in Context 4.5
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Stevens, Vance and Steve Millmore
See also CELIA, CALL-IS MS-DOS Library, Alta Purchase options: shareware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Description: Unlike other implementations of Hangman, HMIC allows students to gradually see the context from the text where the word appears, character by character, as needed (in exchange for points). Now sold as part of the package SuperCloze, Hangword, and Hangman in Context. (See SuperCloze.)

HangWord 3.1
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Stevens, Vance and Steve Millmore Purchase options: shareware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Description: A whole-text deletion program that lets teachers add any plain text file. Now sold as part of the package SuperCloze, Hangword, and Hangman. (See SuperCloze.)

HotelRitz
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Description: This program uses animation, sound, and graphics. Students learn the vocabulary with various exercises, then run the hotel. They need respond to requests from guests and send the appropriate person: room service, housekeeping, maintenance, or the bellhop.

HouseKey
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: All
Description: Graphics, text, and sound are used in exercises and tests to help students learn the rooms of the house, furnishings for each room, and six prepositions of location. The HouseKey Activity requires the student to use the vocabulary to find five keys hidden in a house. Finding a key in one room allows access to the next. The program offers help with verb choice, prepositions, and spelling, and includes a glossary with sound.

Interactive English
Machine: Win
Publisher: 1-12 Interactive
Description: See Language Solution, The: Interactive English. Sold by Wida as Interactive English.

Interactive Picture Dictionary, The
Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: Protea Textware
See also Wida Purchase options: AUD$140 for single user; lab pack avail.
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Info from: ESL Linc
Description: This CD-ROM-based program teaches and tests spelling and vocabulary comprehension. The teacher can customise by adding own key words, context sentences and number of syllables per word.

Kaplan GRE, GMAT, LSAT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Kaplan
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-9
Description: Preparation for GRE, GMAT, LSAT tests. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Kaplan SAT, PSAT, ACT

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Kaplan
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Advanced For: All but K-8
Description: Preparation for SAT, PSAT, and ACT tests. CD-ROM. Designed for native speakers.

Language Discovery

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: RomTech See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp., Fr., Ger.)
Info from: www.benchin.com
Description: A CD-ROM-based multilingual picture dictionary encompassing 1000 words. Each word is pronounced by a digitized recording of a native speaker, a picture of the word is shown, and it is used in context in an everyday situation. Includes English, French, German, and Spanish on one CD-ROM.

Language Solution, The: Interactive English

Machine: Win
Publisher: 1-12 Interactive See also Wida, Learning Services, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: £100; lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Description: CD-ROM version of a text by the same name. Point and click operation, with no writing required. Uses graphics, animation, and voice recording and playback. Includes student tracking software. Approved by the California Instructional Technology Clearinghouse.

Language Tune-up Kit

Machine: Win
Publisher: Glencoe McGraw-Hill
Approximate single-unit price: $1500 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Large-scale, CD-ROM-based systematic vocabulary improvement drill with sound. Designed for native speaking adults who read at the 0-4th grade level. Students see the words on the monitor, hear them pronounced correctly, say and record the words, and listen to both pronunciations for comparison. 87 lessons are divided into five 'breaks.' Each break is self-contained, contains up to 700 words, and teaches a unique set of reading skills. An Instructor's Resource Guide contains installation and operating instructions, strategies for teaching the adult learner, and a placement test.

Let's Talk English
Machine: Win
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems See also Lingo Fun, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site and network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Vocabulary and pronunciation skill building with over 2200 words, speech recognition, learning games and activities. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Matchmaster
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, teacher
Info from: Levy, Taylor, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: Authoring program for matching exercises. Students have three different 'games' they can play; all are designed to be played either against the computer or another student (the latter works better for language development). The speed is variable, with the fastest speeds a challenge even for native speakers. The program comes with several suggestions for items to pair, including vocabulary words and definitions, synonyms and antonyms, and even lines in a dialogue. Version 2.0 for IBM. 'Convert' facility automatically converts data files to Version 2. Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Mega Munchers
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton, N.Johnson
Description: Three CD-ROM set, with Math Munchers, Word Munchers, and Knowledge Munchers (formerly Trivia Munchers Deluxe). Arcade-style games. Word Munchers drills the variant spelling of vowel sounds. Students are presented with a model (/ɪ/ as in fish), they then move around a grid selecting all of the other words that have the same vowel sound while trying to avoid little monsters that randomly move through the grid. The program can be set so that students will only work on a limited set of vowel sounds. There is no instructional phase to the program, so teachers will want to either preteach the common patterns and exceptions or encourage their students to be persistent discovery learners. Knowledge Munchers is a trivia-style game in arcade form. Math Munchers works on math skills. MECC titles ere now sold by Learning Company School.

MicroConcord
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $195 Purchase options: $400 site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Stevens, Higgins; CJ 5:1 1994; STDOT
Description: A versatile and fast concordancer, very professionally done. It works on huge text files and produces concordance output on screen which can be manipulated in numerous ways (e.g. sorted by 1 to n words to right or left of target, source text can be accessed, non-productive items ejected, printing to file, etc.). Comes with an excellent manual explaining many uses of concordancers. The optional corpora are separated into business, science, humanities, etc. texts, generally taken from British newspapers. Recently upgraded.

MonoConc for Windows
Machine: Win
Publisher: Athelstan See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $90 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, teacher
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Concordance program. Can load multiple files totaling several million words, then view contents from within the program. Searches can be case-sensitive or case-insensitive, have wildcards, and include non-letter characters such as '-' or apostrophes. Unwanted concordance lines can be deleted, while a multi-line context can be displayed for a given concordance line. A word list function with a frequency count and calculation of the frequency of collocations is also included.
Results can be sorted by search word, text order, or first or second word to the left or right.

Multimedia Flash Cards
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: EuroTalk See also Delta Systems, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning For: K-9
Special use: elementary
Description: An computer-based flash card system designed to teach English as a second language to children. Features several games for learning the vocabulary and the capability for students to listen to digitally recorded pronunciations of each word and also to record their own voices. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows.

MysteryFamily
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Website
Description: Students work through exercises to learn vocabulary related to the family. Then they try the MysteryFamily Activity, where three members of a family are hidden behind silhouettes. The student must guess their identities by asking them questions and listening to their responses. For help, students may read a short biographical sketch about each person. The program keeps track of the number of questions asked and includes a special display when all identities are correctly guessed.

New Oxford Picture Dictionary
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK
See also Wida Purchase options: £35
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Chinese versions), literacy
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM version of the classic dictionary for beginners. Also available: English-Spanish and English-Chinese versions.

Once Upon a Time... Volumes I, II, III, and IV
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Beginning For: Grades 1-6

Description: Story-telling and creation. Designed for native speakers.

OrderUp
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Website
Description: The learner plays the role of a cook in a restaurant, first learning over 60 food and beverage vocabulary words, then filling orders. Working efficiently brings a bonus, with a paycheck at the end of the shift. The program includes digitized sound and an online glossary.

Parlance: Vocabulary
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Parlance Software
Approximate single-unit price: $75 Purchase options: $15 for group of 36 lessons
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Contains 180 lessons covering the 5,242 most common words in English. Each entry contains a dictionary definition and an example sentence. Exercise types include matching the word to the definition and multiple choice sentence completion.

Perfect Copy Biology
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Logicus
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: Science
Info from: Jabaji; ESL Linc
Description: This self-paced program to help students improve English usage in scientific writing contains 200 brief articles on biological subjects and more than 230 rules of grammar and usage. Students read the articles and correct the errors, with clues and related rules available to help in error correction. A record-keeping function tracks learner performance.

Picture Cue Dictionary
Machine: Mac/Win*
Publisher: Attainment Company See also Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $235
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Vocabulary presentation program organized around four thematic units: shopping, meals, appearances, and home. Display mode presents the target words together with a corresponding picture and digitized pronunciation one by one. In Matching mode the students match the word to the picture--testing what they've learned. Teachers can modify the order and content of lessons for each student. Has IntelliKeys overlays for students with limited manual dexterity. CD-ROM.

Puzzle Power
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab pack $80, site/network license $250
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Description: This CD-ROM includes Crossword Creator, Wordsearch Creator, KrissKross (like Scrabble), Quote Falls, Cryptograms, and Cryptoquizzes. What sets this apart from many others is that graphics, sound, and video clips can be included in the clues. Hundreds of predesigned puzzles, including New York Times puzzles, are on the CD-ROM (though these are not

specifically for ESL). Puzzles can be played on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor (sound and video may not transfer, and certainly won't print out). Contains both the Crossword Creator AND Wordsearch Creator.

Quick Talk
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $65 Purchase options: lab pack, networking
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: 5 different disk sets, purchased separately: Body Parts, Your Body and Health, Supermarket, House and Family, and School - vocabulary with digitized speech, graphics, and text. Requires Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy voice chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster.

Reader Rabbit Reading 1
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-2
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: STDOT
Description: This program is designed to make learning to recognize letters and words fun for younger children. It uses brightly-colored graphics with smiling animals to motivate sound-symbol practice. Several different types of exercises are included, mostly phonics-related. Students can choose which type of activity to do; a record-keeping function is included so that the teacher can see what the learner worked on and how s/he did. CD-ROM.

Reader Rabbit's Interactive Reading Journey 2
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: K-2
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Bishop
Description: Thirty stories; games that promote phonics, word recognition and comprehension. On CD-ROM.

Reading Blaster Vocabulary: Ages 9-12
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 3-6
Special use: elementary
Description: Multimedia drill with game elements. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Richmond Electronic Dictionary
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Richmond
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: bilingual
Description: Dictionary that can be accessed from within an program. Also includes model letters. CD-ROM.

Scholastic Network
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Scholastic Software
Approximate single-unit price: $250 Purchase options: $2500 site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-8
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Schoffer, A. Bishop
Description: Internet curriculum service for grades K-8 providing access to teacher plans, discussion groups, on-line chats with authors, thematic guides. Includes an ESL/Spanish department. Articles, books, experts and resources are accessible. Areas include the Math Center and the Writing Center.

SchoolDay
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Description: Learners practice classroom objects, colors, and class subjects, then try the SchoolDay Activity -- guessing whose locker is whose by interviewing six students and looking at the contents of the lockers. Students read and hear the responses of the students.

SciWords
Machine: Win
Publisher: Lernout & Hauspie
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Special use: Science
Description: Spell checker with science-oriented vocabulary. Disk-based. Formerly sold by Inso.

Scrambled Countries Game
Machine: DOS
Publisher: CELIA
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual (French, German, Spanish)
Info from: Stevens, Kenner
Description: A geography-based word and grammar game. The primary purpose of this 'game' is to immerse students in a target language environment while focusing their attention away from direct focus on the language itself. Instructions are available in four languages. Once underway, however, the student must work entirely in the target language. The basic game consists of anagrams of the world's countries. As hints, the country's capital city, continent, and language are provided. A variety of synonymous sentences are used so that the students is passively exposed to multiple forms. The package runs in any of four languages: English, French, Spanish, or German. In each case, there are secondary grammar points covered, such as capitalization, use of articles, gender, etc. Not authorable.

See It, Hear It, Say It!
Machine: Win
Publisher: Courseware Publishing International
Approximate single-unit price: $75 Purchase options: site license, lab packs, networkable
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Beller-Kenney
Description: Speech-recognition-based vocabulary program, with words presented through graphics and audio. Programming developed at Stanford's Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) is used with a new speech recognition engine developed by IBM. The program design features an approach that adapts to the user and stresses words the user is having difficulty

with. Learners can adjust the word selection process and the target level of pronunciation accuracy the program demands. Requires Windows with 8MB RAM, CD-ROM drive, 16-bit sound card, and a microphone. 100 MHz Pentium with 16MB RAM is recommended. Master site license for all CPI titles is available. Special student price of $20 at schools with a Master site license.

Seesaw
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel Purchase options: shareware; $5 or £1.5 to charity
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Logic puzzles in which learners have to read carefully and think about a set of clues in order to work out missing information on a diagram. The program can be used on screen or will create paper puzzles. Download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

Sortset
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel See also Alta, Delta, RDA, Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: UK£30; 2-10 user £60
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Jones, Bradin; ESL Linc
Description: Puts words with others in the same category. Learners must correctly place the target word in one of three columns before time runs out. Especially useful for vocabulary or pronunciation and spelling.

Spanish Crossword and Word Search Wizard
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Special use: bilingual
Description: Teachers can create both crosswords and word searches with clues in English or Spanish. Networkable.

Spell It Deluxe
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: grade 1 +
Info from: Healey, N. Johnson
Description: Spell It Deluxe helps students learn basic spelling rules, master the spelling of thousands of commonly misspelled words, practice proofreading, and continually improve those skills. One of its unique feature is the availability of new word lists each month on the Davidson Internet site (www.davd.com), extending the value of the software by providing a fresh supply of spelling challenges.
Upgrade of Spell It Plus. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Spelling Blaster: Ages 6-9
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-6
Special use: elementary
Description: Multimedia drill with game elements. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Super Solvers Spellbound

Machine: Win, Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: lab, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Description: Includes various activities (including word searches, crosswords, flash card and jumbled words) to practice present lists (arranged by topic) as well as up to 100 lists entered by the teacher. Teachers can also edit all preset lists. After each set of words has been practiced, there is a spelling bee. Words to be spelled are either spoken or flashed on the screen.

SuperCloze, Hangman in Context, and Hangword

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Stevens, Vance and Steve Millmore Purchase options: *freeware/shareware*
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Beller-Kenner; Chantril's
Description: The programs below all work on texts that users provide as plain (ASCII) text files. The programs work on individual computers or on networks, and in registered versions allow some form of record-keeping. Once in place, users simply update texts. Extended ASCII (foreign character) fonts may be used. A manual in a text file accompanies the programs. Developed in conjunction with research on student users. The programs run in a DOS box on Windows 3.1, '95, and NT. The fully functioning classroom version is free; the fee for registration for the research version is indicated when running the software.
Hangword 3.4:
This whole-text deletion program allows students to rebuild texts word-by-word. The registered version allows students to preserve work from one session to the next.
Hangman in Context 4.8:
Developed according to research into its use with students, the familiar hangman game is enhanced here by allowing the target word to be considered in the context of the text from which it is taken. Students buy back context letter by letter in return for points. The registered version allows recapitulation of student sessions.
SuperCloze 6.3:
Developed after extensive research on student users, the program generates on-line cloze interactions with students. Deletions can occur on every nth word (n= 2-9), on words marked for deletion, according to word lists which users can provide, or according to the c-test formula. The registered version allows tracking of student progress.

SuperMemo

Machine: Win
Publisher: SuperMemo USA
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey
Description: This program helps users memorize vocabulary (or other memorizable items, such as spelling lists and irregular verb forms). It spaces repetitions of items in such a way as to maximize learning. ESL version available. Teachers can add their own databases of items for their students to learn. Runs under DOS or Windows.

T*e*x*t*w*a*r*e

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew University Lang. Lab
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site license--texts 10 each, templates extra
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Info from: Ben-Nahum

Description: Textware is a series of text-based modular template programs for the development of reading comprehension skills and for vocabulary enrichment in English as a second language as well as in other foreign languages. The series includes templates so that teachers can add their own texts. Teachers have the option of building in the learner's native language in matching exercises and help facility. The programs have all the necessary information appearing on screen. Except for typing their names, users need use only the arrow, enter and escape keys and the space bar. Optional functions are available via the F-keys. A graphic card is not required. The programs do utilize color but work in monochrome mode as well.
The network version has a learning management system which maintains records of students' activities and supplies both class and individual statistics. Modules include TextWord, TextComprehension, TextSummary, TextPrediction, TextOpinion, and TextCohesion. See details in each of those listings. Textware has texts at $10 each and an authoring template for an extra fee. A Windows version is in preparation.

Talk Now

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: EuroTalk See also Gessler, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: UK£30
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Vocabulary building game with a record option that compares the learner and native speaker pronunciations. Help is available in more than 40 languages.

Targeting Phrasal Verbs v1.10

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: $70 site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Publisher
Description: Simple multiple choice format program with a question and four possible answers involving choosing the right phrasal verb. Includes and on-line (editable) dictionary of phrasal verbs and full help. Very easy to use.
Price includes site license. The program can be ordered over the Internet at:
http://www.classicweb.com/usr/jseng/sean/ls_home.htm

Targeting Vocabulary

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $15 Purchase options: $15 site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: Multiple-choice practice, graded into five levels. The LinguaSy Grammar of English is included. Designed for ESL/EFL.

TextWord

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site license: $30, plus $10 per text.
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank; Ben-Nahum
Description: TextWord is a text-based program for reading comprehension and vocabulary enrichment that encourages the use of context clues to arrive at the meanings of unknown words. The target words appear first in sentences from the text. Then, if necessary, the words are again presented in easier sentences with more obvious context clues. Finally, the words appear in sentences with highlighted context clues for students needing further help. Feedback is provided to student responses, which are limited by a multiple-choice format. Higher

level texts offer two vocabulary lists with a maximum of 20 words per list. The bank of texts includes a variety of topics.

Activities for vocabulary reinforcement include two variants of a modified cloze, synonym or L1-L2 matching exercises, and a version of Hangman featuring the vocabulary words and using synonym clues.

Using the optional audio Component (audio board required), students can hear an actual voice recording of the Textwords, the multiple-choice options and the reinforcement feedback. TextWord has texts at $10 each and an authoring template for an extra fee. A Windows version is in preparation.

VocabularyReview is an addition to TextWord ($30 for a site license) which may be used to test the vocabulary level of students, either for diagnostic purposes or for evaluation, as well as to review vocabulary at a particular level. The activity is similar to the multiple choice activity in TextWord, but words are selected at random from all texts on a particular level, rather than from one text.

TimeTeller

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: $100 site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Website
Description: Learners study vocabulary related to time, then go to work in a tourist information kiosk, answering questions using the time and numbers vocabulary. Various people come up and ask about the arrival and departure of trains and busses, as well as when concerts, exhibitions and other events take place. Learners look up information on screen to find the answer. An online glossary is included.

TOEFL Practice Test

Machine: DOS
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: Kenner, Beller-Kenner
Description: A set of 30 practice drills modeled on the TOEFL test. This diagnostic test refers students to supplementary readings and exercises contained in a series of standard texts, whose titles are provided. The program is designed so that a novice programmer can easily change the items and produce new exercises.

TOEFL Sampler

Machine: Win
Publisher: Educational Testing Service Purchase options: freeware
Level: Advanced For: 9-12, HE
Description: Preparation for the computer-based TOEFL with some sample items. Mostly consists of computer familiarization activities. CD-ROM.

Tomorrow's Promise Spelling

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $100
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3
Special use: literacy, elementary
Description: CD-ROM-based spelling program for young learners. Full year of instruction on each CD, with 14 activities and 3 games for each of 60 word lists. Learners can create their own stories and create their own storybook with the words. Extensive classroom management.

Treehouse, The
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Pre-K-6
Special use: elementary
Info from: Wivell
Description: This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick. Includes seven educational games. Students explore the on-screen hideaway, learning about music, animals, mathematics, sentence structure, money & place value. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Ultimate Word Attack
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab pack available.
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Krauss, Healey, Beller-Kenner; STDOT; ESL Linc
Description: An updated version of Davidson's Word Attack, including five customizable activities and an audio CD. This native-speaker vocabulary program has over 4000 words and 25 special category word lists with definitions, words in context, follow-up exercises, and an arcade-style game. Authoring must be done within the author component of the program. No single-user version is available. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Vital Signs: The Good Health Resource
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Texas Caviar See also EduCorp, Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $70
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Description: Students learn about health problems, important ways to reduce health risks, how to record and track personal health information and organizations that are valuable sources of further information. The health database is completely bilingual in Spanish and English and includes toll-free numbers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Vocabulary Adventure I
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Seaver
Description: Five different sets of adventure games. Player must answer multiple choice vocabulary questions to enter rooms and collect treasures and points. Difficulty increases as player progresses. Lots of multiple meanings and idiomatic uses make things challenging. An open dictionary and teamwork help a lot. Created for upper elementary level native speakers. Complete series of 10 disks available only in DOS form; Vocabulary Adventure I and II are Mac and DOS.

Vocabulary Mastery II Series A,B,C
Machine: DOS
Publisher: ALA See also Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab packs, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc

Description: Students can choose to see the list of words for each lesson (10 per lesson), or go straight to the practice mode. The practice is a fill-in the missing word in a sentence context exercise. Students can access the word list as a reminder, and can get a hint (the first letter and potentially each succeeding letter in the word) in trying to complete the exercise. The total package includes 3000 vocabulary words in 9000 sentences. The Lesson 1 vocabulary list consists of: all, are, be, had, have, is, it, was, were, what. The most advanced list contains: crude, elbow, foolish, gloves, lawn, rug, sank, sleeves, solar, and target.

Vocabulary Review

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank; Ben-Nahum
Description: An addition to TextWord which may be used to test the vocabulary of students for diagnostic or evaluation purposes. It picks words from texts in TextWord at each level and randomly scrambles them to give a review and a test of words. No support materials at present. Vocabulary Review uses the same texts as TextWord. Each text is $10. A Windows version is in preparation.

Word Action

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp., Fr.)
Description: CD-ROM multimedia dictionary with video, graphics, sound. 700 words can be accessed alphabetically by language or through the eight categories. Includes four games. Mac and Windows CD-ROMs sold separately.

Word Attack

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Description: See Ultimate Word Attack.

Word Birds

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K - 3
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Description: Multimedia, thematically-organized vocabulary for native speakers. Very easy to use. Only available outside the US through a Prentice Hall Regents international distributor. CD-ROM.

Word Cross

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz See also Lingo Fun, Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: all
Info from: Algren, Koons, Beller-Kenner
Description: A program that allows you to create crossword puzzles and to make as many different versions of the puzzle as you choose. You can print an answer key as well. Clues can be printed on a separate page from the puzzle.
One user noted that the copy protection scheme is very cumbersome.

Word Demons

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, sit; 3 sets for $130 e
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Native speaker drill and practice with commonly confused and misused words. Each sentence contains up to four choices, one of which may be a word demon, such as a near sound-alike, a commonly misused word, or a word with multiple meanings. In response to a wrong answer, the program shows the corrected sentence and explains why it is right. A demo can be downloaded from the website.

Word Games with English

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinemann ELT See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6
Description: Teaches 1500 words using 40 different interactive games and puzzles.

Word Hound

Machine: Mac/ Win
Publisher: Mindplay See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Students direct a mouse making its way through a maze, avoiding the cat and trying to reach the dog house, where they are asked questions about vocabulary. At the beginning level, learners are asked to match a picture/word combination with one of two below. Learners progress to more difficult matching questions as they work their way through the game. All instructions are spoken. Learners get more points with each correct answer. Learners can listen to instructions in English or Spanish. Available on CD-ROM or disks. A separate Spanish version is also available. A demo version is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

Word Smart

Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Smartek Educational Technology
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: sets, network, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Seaver
Description: 'Discussions' describe each word's synonyms, antonyms and derivations. Audio available in word lists and discussions. Five types of exercises: flashcards, column matching, laser review, and multiple choice involve synonym matching, while sentence completion requires typing in the best word from the set being studied. Sound, graphics, exercise variety, and a high level of user control make this one popular. Created for 4th grade-Ph.D. native speakers, so the lowest 5 levels are most useful for ESL. Requires a CD-ROM drive. Individual volumes are approximately $40 each; sets range from $160-$400, depending on the number of volumes. (Seaver)

WordFill v2.01

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: $25 site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, Teacher
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: WordFill is an extended cloze testing engine. It displays a text with some words replaced by dashes and the student must complete the text. The teacher can decide which words are

removed, so a Beginners text can have only a few words removed while an Advanced text has all but, say, proper nouns removed. It also has a timed display option so students can see the complete text for several seconds -useful for speed reading practice. (The number and duration of this display can be set by the teacher.) The program has a built-in word processor, on-line interactive tutorial and over 60 pre-loaded texts (half in business English). Texts can be added or edited freely. Very easy to use.
Works with all main European languages (including support for accented characters). Runs on Win 3.1 or later (including Win 95). Mouse recommended. A demo of the program can be downloaded or an order placed over the Internet from: http://www.classicweb.com/usr/jseng/sean/ls_home.htm

Wordsearch Creator
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: All
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: Creates three types of word search puzzles: standard wordsearch (target words are hidden in a grid of letters), clues puzzles where students see clues to the hidden words, and fill-in-the-blank puzzles where students see a paragraph with the missing words found in the puzzle. Can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor.

Wordsmith Tools
Machine: Win
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK Purchase options: £37; site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: Integrated suite of programs for looking at how words behave in texts. WordList shows a list of all the words in a text, set out in alphabetical or frequency order. Concordancer shows any word or phrase in context, and KeyWords finds the key words in a text. Various smaller tools and extensive on-line help also included. Distributed exclusively over the World Wide Web at http://www.oup.co.uk/elt/software/wsmith?.

Wordstore
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Athelstan See also Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $250 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Hurst, Rubin; STDOT
Description: Students build their own dictionaries using a custom database. Learners can do randomized tests from their vocabulary list at any time. The entries can be organized into sets. The teacher module allows for the sets to be locked, so as to avoid unauthorized changes.
Wordstore 2.0 is an improvement in many ways. The interface is user-friendly, the screen uncluttered, and both the Student and the Teacher files are easy to use.

WorldWalker Destination: Australia
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Soleil Software See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Intermediate For: 2-12
Special use: bilingual (Sp., Fr.)
Info from: Bishop
Description: CD-ROM-based vocabulary study integrated into a problem-solving approach with an Australian theme. Includes some map reading activities. Designed for native speakers. A demo can be downloaded from http://www.soleil.com/. The price is for a teacher's edition.

Write Express: Rhymer & Phonetic Finder

Machine: Win
Publisher: WriteExpress
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate For: All
Description: Playing with words. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM. An online demo is available at http://www.WriteExpress.com/rhymer.html.

Zak's Word Games

Machine: Win
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Website
Description: A series of 24 word games. Children collect pieces of the Wheel of Knowledge when they play each word game. When they have collected all 24 pieces, the space alien Zak is able to go home again. Students can use a 2000-word online dictionary to help them solve the puzzles. Available in British and American English versions. CD-ROM.

WRITING

Art Lesson, The

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The   See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $55   Purchase options: lab packs from $190-2100
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: K-4
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Students explore and experience a story based on the original work of author Tomie dePaola. They can read the story, hear it read to them by the author, and explore the text and living illustrations. Integrated art activities let students create with the author. Also includes video clips as they explore Tomie dePaola's studio, hear him tell about his childhood experiences, and learn about his life as an author and illustrator. Requires CD-ROM drive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company.

Basic Skills for the Real World

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Wasatch Education Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $300   Purchase options: network
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: Adult
Special use: literacy
Description: Designed for adults who need reading and writing skills; uses extensive audio. Eight units, sold separately. Each unit includes a management component. The units are Duc and Linh (lifeskills math and numeracy, inferences, map reading); New Challenges (signs, maps, compare products, make appointments, make inferences); Grace Under Pressure (career search, basic home repairs, interpret charts and graphs, auto purchasing and insurance); Amazing Grace (test-taking strategies, time management, price comparison, budgeting, writing ads and letters); Joe Moves Up (job attitudes, phone skills, using a catalog, customer service, cooking); KC Makes Choices (emergency first aid, drugs and alcohol, gangs, getting a job, dealing with learning disabilities, reading comprehension); Linda's New Start (job handbook, customer service, comparison shopping, using a timecard); and Day by Day (computing mileage, reading a map, comparison shopping, making a budget, time management, fact vs. opinion).

Business Letter Works

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Round Lake Publishing
Approximate single-unit price: $50   Purchase options: discount for online orders
Level: Advanced   For: All but K-8
Description: Contains 400 customizable letters, memos, press releases, announcements, proposals and other documents covering a broad range of topics for business. American English, unlike many other business English products.

Cloze Encounters in English (ESL)

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $50   Purchase options: network
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All but K-6
Description: A cloze generating program in which students fill in vowels, consonants, or words in a reading passage. A number of short texts are provided and teachers may add passages into the program for students to do.

Common Space

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Sixth Floor Media
Approximate single-unit price: $75   Purchase options: network only

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: Any
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: A collaborative writing program, this requires a network. Students can share work and comment on each other's work easily. Comments can be kept separate from the text. $75 per user for 1-19 users; discounts available for more. A 90-day trial version is available at the website.

Daedalus Integrated Writing Environment (DIWE)

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Daedalus Group
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: Unit cost $150+/station; site available
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Magoto, Sullivan; ESL Linc
Description: Eight interactive modules (real-time 'chat,' class e-mail, brainstorming tool, guided peer response or critical reading activity, word processor with dictionary and thesaurus, bibliography manager, file server access/management, automatic class assignment feature) that allow for a wide variety of computer mediated interaction: teacher to student, student to student, student to whole class.
Among its many features is that it works in real time, so a class that meets in a lab can hold both large and small group discussion on-line: as a user types a comment, it appears on everyone's screen. Transcripts of all discussions are stored automatically to the server, and can be saved to a disk or printed out for further review. Although some parts of DIWE can be run on individual non-networked computers (primarily the brainstorming, reading, word processing, and bibliography tools), it is most effective when run over a local area network from a file server. The program is not difficult to use, but instructors may find Daedalus training and support helpful in integrating it into an existing curriculum. Unit cost starts at $150 per station; additional customer support options, ESL Teacher Tool, Online Style Handbook, and Foreign Language Tools are also available. Other pricing includes unlimited campus-wide licenses and annual leases.
DaedalusMOO: moo.daedalus.com 7777

Dr. Peet's Talk/Writer

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab (5) $150, site
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: Talking word processor which 'says' letters and words as they are typed. Includes a large-text word-processor and drill in identifying letters. Helpful for beginning readers, adults, and children. The Mac version works with a Unicorn Board and Adaptive Firmware Card or IntelliKeys. The MS-DOS version requires Digispeech 201A or later.

EA Prompted Writer, The

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $65 Purchase options: lab (5): 200, (10): 295; network: $395
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Fr, Ger, It)
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Simple word processor allows creation of 'prompted writing lessons' in English, Spanish, French, German or Italian.

Electronic Business Letter Writer

Machine: Win
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK
See also Wida Purchase options: £37; site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business
Description: Business correspondence package. Over 200 model texts cover all forms and subjects of business correspondence, and extensive help is also provided. British English.

Great Beginnings

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: Students create stories based on thematic vocabulary provided in the program's 'story starters.' Students can choose graphics to illustrate their own stories and print them.

Headline

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
See also CELIA Purchase options: freeware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: Higgins, Beller-Kenner
Description: A very useful but extremely simple activity, which we use at the beginning of the year to help learn the names of the class. Each student types in their own name and some basic personal information, such as home town and hobby. Then the computer generates a string of zany newspaper headlines (nothing negative or offensive), and the students can print out any they like. Then they can discuss their headlines, compare them with others, and write the news article which would fit their own headline. Download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

Hollywood

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Theatrix Interactive See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site, lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All
Info from: S. Addis
Description: A creative writing CD-ROM, which lets you or your students write, direct, and play your own animated shows with talking characters. You select the scene, you direct the actors, you write the dialogue, you choose the music and special effects. You can screen it in the theater by clicking on the projector. There's even an Idea Machine which provides story starters, plot twists, and dialogue suggestions based on the scene you've chosen and the specific personalities of your characters. Uses computerized voices; sometimes you have to fiddle with spelling to get them to sound right. (SA)

Hollywood High

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Theatrix Interactive See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: site, lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 7-adult
Info from: Healey
Description: Like its predecessor Hollywood, Hollywood High has students write and direct an animated show with talking characters. The settings and characters are high school-oriented, so this is more attractive to teens but less useful for adults than Hollywood. Students select the scene and characters, place and move the actors, write the dialogue, and choose the special effects. Because it uses synthesized rather than digitized voices, they can be odd. It's possible to tweak the spelling to improve the pronunciation, but the point of this is the dialogue among the learners creating the show, not the end result itself. This is not recommended as a listening skill builder, but it's a great tool for discussion at the computer. Requires a CD-ROM drive. (DH)

How to Write for Everyday Living
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $160 Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Description: Topics include writing skills for resumes, employment forms, business letters, lists, memos, social security applications, bank account applications, and driver's licenses. Some voice instructions. Also offers an Internet link to useful websites. Available on disk or CD-ROM.

IdeaFisher 6.0
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: IdeaFisher Systems See also MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Description: An idea generator and outliner with a large database of ideas and suggestions waiting to link up with your prompts.

Inspiration
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Inspiration Software See also MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: $195 site license
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Description: A pre-writing program that allows students to organize and arrange ideas in outline or diagram form. Useful for making flow charts to show the logical progression of ideas. Most frequently used for concept mapping and story webbing.

Language Experience Recorder
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Teacher Support Software See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy
Info from: STDOT
Description: A specialized word processing program with speech capability. Students can hear whatever they've written read back to them. Includes features for readability and writing analysis. This program was designed for teachers using the Language Experience Approach to reading. Needs a sound card on the IBM.

MarkUp
Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel See also RDA Mind Builders, Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: site $140; UK£30; 2-10 user £80
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Beller-Kenner, ESL Linc
Description: Students practice punctuation and capitalization rules by finding and correcting errors in paragraphs or longer text. The bottom of the screen shows a list of the missing punctuation marks and the number of capital letters. While some exercises come with the program, teachers are expected to add more of their own material. It works well to use students' own work as the basis for exercises. Windows version available Jan 1999.

Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing!
Machine: DOS, Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Info from: STDOT; Jones, Beller-Kenner; ESL Lite
Description: This typing program offers a step-by-step tutorial (written for native speakers, so not very useful by beginners or intermediate level students without a teacher's help getting started), record-keeping so that learners can start up again where they left off, and game options for further practice. The road race typing game is very popular with some learners. Sometimes sold bundled with Correct Grammar by mail order vendors. On CD-ROM or on disks.

Microsoft Bookshelf

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Microsoft   See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Advanced   For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto; ESL Lite
Description: A CD-ROM based set of reference materials, including on-line versions of The American Heritage Dictionary, Roget's Thesaurus, The World Almanac and Book of Facts, The Concise Columbia Encyclopedia, The Columbia Dictionary of Quotations, The People's Chronology, The Hammond World Atlas, and the National Five-digit Zip Code and Post Office Directory. There are hypertext links between most of the materials, so the student can click on a word in the encyclopedia, and Bookshelf will jump to its dictionary where the student can even hear the word pronounced. Well-designed and very informative, but like most multimedia programs, it really needs an up-to-date Mac or PC.

My Words

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning   See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $60   Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: CD (4/6/1988), N.Johnson
Description: Word-processor with speech capability (uses a speech synthesizer). Words are spoken as they appear on the screen. The computer stores a list of each user's words in a "word bank." Students can see or hear the words in the word bank in a window of the screen while doing additional word processing. Useful for Language Experience Approach activities. DOS version is on disks, while the Mac version is on CD-ROM.

Native English

Machine: Win
Publisher: Lernout & Hauspie
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-4
Info from: Phinney
Description: Grammar and spelling checker designed for ESL. Works with Microsoft Word. CD-ROM. Formerly sold by Innovative.

Norton Connect

Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: W. W. Norton
Approximate single-unit price: $25   Purchase options: Each student buys a copy
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Corio
Description: Interactive writing environment. Teachers can create and hand out assignments over the network. Students log on and read the assignment in a read-only top window. They respond in a bottom normal word processing window. When they post papers to the network, everyone in a teacher-created work group can read the papers and comment on them. Unlike e-mail, when a student posts a paper, it remains in her/his bottom window so that s(he) can edit and revise during the course of the electronic discussions and commenting on other student papers. When the

assignment is over, the program collects the papers. The teacher can grade the papers using built-in editable macros and by embedding hotlinks to the on-line handbook. When clicked on by a student, the links bring the appropriate section of the handbook onto the screen.
The very interesting thing about this product is that it's the student that bears the cost. Each student has to buy an access disk at the bookstore, but the school's connection is free. The implications are interesting. Schools with no money for software licenses might be interested. If students buy the product, it can come out of Pell grants. Other schools, however, will see that this is another burden that shouldn't be put on the student. Some teachers may not be comfortable asking students to bear the cost of Connect in addition to the cost of a textbook. The enterprising reading or writing teacher can avoid this dilemma by using Connect and public domain material (or authorized uses of copyrighted materials) available from the Internet and other sources in lieu of a textbook. Material gleaned from the Internet has the advantage of being in electronic form, thus ready to be immediately incorporated into Connect. (RC)
The difference between Norton Textra Connect for Word and Norton Connect.Net is that Textra Connect works on a LAN server. One has access to class only when on a computer on that network. With Connect.Net, software is running on individual computers. Files are being sent to an FTP server. One has access to a class as long as your computer has Windows, Word for Windows, Connect.Net and Internet access. So Connect.Net works over the Internet, while still based in Word for Windows. This is not a browser-based program.

Once Upon a Time... Volumes I, II, III, and IV
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Approximate single-unit price: $60   Purchase options: lab pack, network and site license
Level: Beginning   For: Grades 1-6
Description: Story-telling and creation. Designed for native speakers.

One Step at a Time
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $25   Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate   For: 7-12, HE
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: This program was designed to accompany the writing and grammar series of the same name. Interactive computer tutorials accompany each chapter of the text. With this program students can access a word processor to write assignments collaboratively or independently. Lesson activities are also designed to be done in pairs collaboratively. Computer-based tests for each level are use randomly generated questions in a multiple-choice format. A feedback screen on test performance can be printed out or saved for record-keeping purposes. Sample software is free from the publisher. Level 1 and Level 2 sold separately.

Paragraph Punch
Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual   See also Contemius
Approximate single-unit price: $100   Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-6
Description: Learners choose from a menu of topics to develop an idea and write their own topic sentence, body, and conclusion. Sections include cause and effect, reasons, details, examples, and sequencing.

Perfect Copy English
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Logicus
Approximate single-unit price: $200   Purchase options: lab, network
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-3

Info from: Jabaji; ESL Line
Description: This self-paced program contains 500 stories and letters to edit at three reading levels and three interest levels (youth, teen, adult). Students have access to help in the form of a word list, context-sensitive grammar rules, and clues such as highlighting sentences and words with errors and modeling a correct version of the article. A record-keeping function tracks student progress in working through the skill areas the program addresses: abbreviations, punctuation, subject-verb agreement, irregular verbs, numbers, pronouns, easily confused words, and general editing.

Personal Letter Works

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Round Lake Publishing See also MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: discount for online orders
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Contains 400 customizable letters covering a broad range of topics for personal use.

Postcards

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Curriculum Associates
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Description: Students select from Mexico, Ghana, Japan, and Turkey as a country of interest, then choose a writing project: narrative, persuasive, compare/contrast, or descriptive. They can view three different multimedia tours of each country to look at the culture, history, and geography. Students take notes in a travel log. The program offers a 'Mail Room' where students write postcards, first in a structured format, then without prompts. Teachers can add more writing assignments. The program includes help in finding keypals on the Internet and a list of websites for online research. CD-ROM. The publisher offers a free demo.

Print Shop Deluxe

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: N Johnson, Beller-Kenner; ESL Line
Description: This computer tool is very useful in enabling students to complete such tasks as creating greeting cards, signs, personalized letterhead stationary, banners and calendars. The program comes with lots of interesting pre-made graphics which students can use in the creation of their projects. The new Print Shop Deluxe edition on CD-ROM adds the following capabilities to the previous editions: scalable graphics; color printing; TrueType fonts (which can also be scaled without losing any quality); new styles of ready-made graphics to serve as backgrounds for individual letters or as a border for a whole side of a text; special pre-made headline texts; "rich text," which allows users to change fonts, styles, sizes and colors within individual words; a new utility to export Print Shop Deluxe graphics to other programs; and a layout program to facilitate creative mixing of text and graphics. Earlier disk-based version is slightly less expensive.

Process Your Thoughts

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE, 7-12
Description: Companion software to a writing text intended to combine teaching the writing process together with basic techniques of computer word processing. Features authentic reading selections, systematic presentation of writing strategies and tools and interactive activities. Sample software is free from the publisher.

Reader Rabbit 3

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The   See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35   Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: 2-4
Special use: elementary
Description: Students complete stories by writing their own phrases or choosing from prewritten selections. A newspaper can be a class project. Available on Mac and Windows disks or a Mac/Win CD-ROM.

Report Writer for Science and Engineering Reports

Machine: Win
Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants
Approximate single-unit price: $75
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-6
Special use: science
Info from: Milton, Flowerdew; CJ 7:1 1996
Description: Formerly called The Writer's Assistant (for Lab Reports), this CD-ROM-based program guides the novice EFL writer in producing a well-written laboratory report that can be submitted on any upper secondary or tertiary science course. It provides appropriate lexis and grammar for each step of the process; the writer can click on a list of keywords, which appears to be representative of the main scientific procedures, to see a list of authentic expressions that give collocational context for those functional expressions that EFL students frequently misuse. Students using this program should be able to produce reports containing varied language, as it suggests a range of functional expressions that the student should be familiar with, which the student must then modify. The keywords and databases of phrases are grammatically consistent from one section to another (Introduction, Objective, Method, Results, Discussion, Conclusion), prompting the writer to use tense, voice, person, etc. consistently. The writer has plenty of opportunity to structure his/her report individually, as several organizational patterns are presented. The program focuses on process rather than product, encouraging the writer to think about language and style, and proofread as he or she proceeds. It takes full advantage of Windows help files to provide tips on usage, grammar, style and organization. A demo can be downloaded from the website. (Flowerdew)
The three components—Lab Reports ($75), Project Reports ($75), and Technical Reports ($150)—are sold separately.

Richmond Electronic Dictionary

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Richmond
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All
Special use: bilingual
Description: Dictionary that can be accessed from within an program. Also includes model letters. CD-ROM.

Right Resume Writer III, The

Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Career Development Software   See also Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $100
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: Adult
Description: Updated version of The Right Resume Writer. Formats for chronological, skills and professional resumes. Hints for effective marketing of experiences included.
The company now offers Resume Maker, which includes a career planning component.

Scholastic Network

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Scholastic Software
Approximate single-unit price: $250 Purchase options: $2500 site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-8
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Schoffer, Bishop
Description: Internet curriculum service for grades K-8 providing access to teacher plans, discussion groups, on-line chats with authors, thematic guides. Includes an ESL/Spanish department. Articles, books, experts and resources are accessible. Areas include the Math Center and the Writing Center.

SEEN: Tutorials for Critical Reading

Machine: DOS
Publisher: KenCD Software
Approximate single-unit price: $75 Purchase options: Ed pack; network $550
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Info from: Dalgish
Description: A set of tutorials designed to develop analytical thinking and critical reading skills. Using a set of question prompts, the tutorials enable students to organize and outline their ideas. When used in conjunction with the BBS option, students have the opportunity for peer review and collaboration.
This is no longer available from Conduit; it is now distributed by New Horizons Software.
Ed pack from $220-$550; network $675; site license $1250.

Sentence Transformer v3.00

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: $25 site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE
Description: The kind of sentence transformation exercises found in the Cambridge FCE and CPE examinations. Each question has two levels of help -a simple hint and then a direct link to the relevant grammar topic in the on-line Grammar Guide. There is also AutoCorrection, which formats the student's input before processing it to avoid 'mistakes' due to forgetting to add a full stop or capitalise the first letter, etc. Comes with 100 pre-loaded questions with room to add many more. 5+ answers for each question. Very easy to use. A demo can be downloaded or the program ordered from the Internet at http://www.classicweb.com/usr/jseng/sean/ls_home.htm. The price includes a site license.

SentenceMaker II

Machine: DOS
Publisher: ALA See also Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: lab packs, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All
Info from: Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: Updated version of SentenceMaker and SentenceMaker Plus. Students learn how to create grammatically correct sentences by choosing words (or the null choice) from columns of words arranged according to grammar categories. Useful for ESL students who need extra practice on English word order or sentence level grammar. The authoring option allows teachers to create new games and change existing ones.

SoundSpell

Machine: DOS
Publisher: American Literacy Council See also Gessler, Delta

Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Info from: Healey; STDOT
Description: Renamed and upgraded; DOS version is sold by Gessler as SoundSpell, and the Windows version is sold by the publisher as Spell-Well.

Spanish/English Literacy Skills

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: $80 lab pack of 5
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Description: *CD-ROM based writing activities in both Spanish and English* versions. Topics include English for You; My First Sentences; Class Journals; Chant, Chant, Chant; Poetry for Young Poets; The Me Disk I, Sentence Writing I, Sentence Combining with Aesop; Sentences to Paragraphs I. Mac and Windows CD-ROMs sold separately.

Spell-Well

Machine: Win, DOS
Publisher: American Literacy Council
Approximate single-unit price: $80
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Literacy
Description: Learners type words as they sound, and the program uses a built-in dictionary to convert the Spell-Well phonemic spellings to real English words. Any words typed are displayed in regular spelling and the program's phonemic spelling. The basic version of the program can be downloaded from the website as $60 shareware. The full version, Spell Well Plus Voice, adds slow pronunciation of the words and is available for $80.

Stop, Look and Listen

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab (5): $80, (10): $120; network: $160
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Adult
Special use: Immigrant literacy
Description: Skills development of visual discrimination, upper and lower case letter, numbers and time. Requires microphone, headset and any one of the following sound devices: Ani-Vox, Covox, Digispeech, Tandy or Sound Blaster.

Storybook Maker/Deluxe

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab $135
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-4
Special use: Elementary; literacy
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Learners use the included picture cards to create a story that they can then tell to their classmates. Learners click on and drag the images they want to the desired location on the page. Students can also type in words. The Deluxe version reads words letter by letter, word by word, or by sentence and supports QuickTime movies. This graphical program will require a task set by the teacher for students to have much language learning benefit from using it. Runs on a CD-ROM under Windows or on the Mac.

Storybook Weaver

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The   See also Learning Services, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $50   Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: literacy, bilingual, elementary
Info from: Foley-Vinay, Bishop
Description: A creative tool for kids to write and illustrate their own storybook. Students can choose from hundreds of images and scenery combinations, plus a variety of borders and type styles. They can also add sounds and music to their stories. Story Book Weaver Deluxe on CD offers more graphics and animation, spoken word narration, and both English and Spanish writing capabilities. The disk version is slightly less expensive.
MECC titles are now sold by *Learning Company* School.

Type to Learn

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Sunburst Communications   See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $130   Purchase options: $130 for lab pack of 5; network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate   For: All
Info from: Algren
Description: A typing program recommended for beginning typists, used at the University of Kansas. Complete keyboarding course that includes spelling, grammar, composition, and punctuation work. Two reading levels. Designed for native speakers. Available on CD-ROM or disks.

Ultimate Writing and Creativity Center

Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $30   Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: Word-processor with graphics, sound, and animation add-ons. An interactive cartoon character prompts students through the prewriting process. Best for children, due to the nature of the graphics included. Comes on CD-ROM.

UltraKey 3.0

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Bytes of Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $50   Purchase options: site, lab; DOS disks cheaper
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: All
Info from: N.Johnson; ESL Linc
Description: UltraKey is a keyboard skills tutorial that is more appropriate for ESL users than many on the market. The explanation about proper posture at the computer is well done and accessible to at least intermediate level ESL students. The excellent use of graphics and visual prompts also helps. Finally, in the skill check section students have an option of typing in whatever text they desire. This enables students to practice writing sentences at their appropriate level while at the same time building keyboard speed. A demo version is available at the website. Hybrid Windows/Mac CD-ROM, or separate disks versions. Half price on DOS and Apple II disk versions.

Whatever next?

Machine: Win, DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
Approximate single-unit price: $65   Purchase options: UK£40; 2-10 users UK£80

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Description: Previously entitled Sequitur/GoOn. Students practice arranging sentences of a paragraph in correct order. The computer presents the first line of a text and three possible continuations. Authorable. Teachers can enter texts into the program that students have worked with in class for students to practice on in computer mode.

Word Processor Ideas for Composition

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Computers for Education
See also TESOL/CELIA, CELIA, CALL-IS Mac Library Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Hanson-Smith
Description: Free text files from Elizabeth Hanson-Smith. Pre-freshman English course syllabus, assignments, and templates for writing assignments for word processors.

Word Stuff: Amazing English

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman
Approximate single-unit price: $85
Level: Intermediate For: 4-8
Info from: Publisher
Description: Part of the Amazing English series, the CD-ROM teaches reading skills appropriate to novels plus some essay writing. Hard-bound teacher's manual. Separate CDs for pre-K-3 (Word Stuff = $85), 3-6 (Word Attack = $90).

Wordsmith Tools

Machine: Win
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK Purchase options: £37; site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Description: Integrated suite of programs for looking at how words behave in texts. WordList shows a list of all the words in a text, set out in alphabetical or frequency order. Concordancer shows any word or phrase in context, and KeyWords finds the key words in a text. Various smaller tools and extensive on-line help also included. Distributed exclusively over the World Wide Web at http://www.oup.co.uk/elt/software/wsmith?.

World Atlas

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3
Info from: Magoto, Healey
Description: This CD-ROM-based world atlas offers extensive information on countries of the world, including demographic as well as geographic data. Learners can search for specific information about a country. While it is possible to print the information about a country, the program is not selective about what to print, resulting in about 10-15 pages of output.

Write Express: Rhymer & Phonetic Finder

Machine: Win
Publisher: WriteExpress
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Intermediate For: All
Description: Playing with words. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM. An online demo is available at http://www.WriteExpress.com/rhymer.html.

WriteExpress Easy Letters
Machine: Win
Publisher: WriteExpress
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: business
Description: Designed for native speakers, this CD-ROM offers expert advice, step by step instructions, and sample sentences for writing business and personal letters on more than 500 topics. Includes 2000 sample letters. A demo can be downloaded from http://www.WriteExpress.com/download.html

Writer's Assistant, The
Machine: Win
Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants Purchase options: 5-user $145; 40 user $745
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: science
Info from: Milton, Flowerdew; CJ 7:1 1996
Description: Renamed and updated as Report Writer for Science and Engineering Reports.

Writer's Choice Interactive Grammar Workbook
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Glencoe McGraw-Hill
Approximate single-unit price: $250 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 6-12
Description: The program offers drills, learning hints, examples, automatic grading, performance graphs and summary reports. $250 per level, from grade 6-12. Can be installed on a network.

Writer's Edge
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: IdeaFisher Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-5
Info from: Healey
Description: This writing program works with Microsoft Word, Word Perfect and Ami Pro. Learners can start by brainstorming with the concept database, something like an idea thesaurus. This three-level hierarchy starts with a list of concept categories related to the learner's query word. Writers can then move to Section Titles from the selected concept category, then to a list of ideas, words, and phrases linked thematically to the section title. It also works well as a regular thesaurus. Available for Macintosh and Windows.

Writer's Workshop 2
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-8
Special use: bilingual
Description: Topics include Sentences & Paragraphs, Capitalization & Punctuation, Writing Letters, Writing for Fun, Writing to Explain, Writing Process, Writing Descriptively, Expository Writing, Newswriting, and A Writer's Basic Tools. Split screen has topics on one half, word-processor on the other.

Zurk's Rainforest Lab
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Soleil Software See also Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Beginning For: K-8

Special use: bilingual (Sp., Fr.)
Info from: Bishop
Description: CD-ROM-based creative writing, math, life science in Spanish, English, and French. Similar titles include Zurk's Alaskan Trek and Zurk's Learning Safari. A demo can be downloaded from http://www.soleil.com/. The price is for a teacher's edition.

AUTHORING

Adam & Eve
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $550 Purchase options: multi-user
Level: Teacher For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (French, Dutch)
Info from: Stevens, Beller-Kenner; CJ 4:3 1993; STDOT
Description: This is a two-part program. Adam is a program that analyzes any text according to a database of the 2000 most frequent word groups, grading each word on the basis of frequency and 'familiarity.' The Eve section generates a wide variety of exercises based on the analysis of the text done in Adam. Works with the following languages: English, French, and Dutch. This can be used by several teachers at one time.

Author Plus
Machine: Win
Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants
Approximate single-unit price: $75
Level: Teacher
Info from: Publisher; ESL Loc
Description: This CD-ROM-based program lets teachers create several different activity types--multiple choice, free practice, gap fill/cloze, drag and drop, proofreading, and target spotting--with hints, a feedback function that responds to students' errors, an introductory text option, and on-line help. Vocabulary can be added with sound. The program uses a simple type and click system to make it easy to author. Exercises can be linked. Context-sensitive help is available on each screen. A demo can be downloaded from the website.

Authoring Suite, The
Machine: Win
Publisher: Wida Software Purchase options: $725 for 5 users; $1250 for 25
Approximate single user price: $725 for 5 users; $1250 for 25 or UK£75 per title (5 computers)
Other pricing available: £150-£900
Level: Teacher
Info from: ESL Loc
Description: This is an update on Wida's established authoring range incorporating Storyboard, Gapmaster, Testmaster, Matchmaster, Choicemaster, Pinpoint and Vocab into a single program for Windows. Users pay only for the titles they want. Authors can enhance text activities with graphics, sound, video and rich text. Students can use the notepad to give a comment on the activities and teachers can call up and respond to these messages. Programs can share common glossaries. 'Convert' facility automatically converts files previously authored with Version 2.0.

Authorware Attain
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Macromedia Purchase options: $5000--contact pub. for information
Level: Teacher For: All
Info from: Levy, Beller-Kenner; ESL Loc
Description: Allows teachers to create lessons incorporating text, graphics, animation, sound and videodisc. Windows versions Win NT, 95, 3.1

Choicemaster
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site
Level: Teacher

Info from: Levy, Taylor, Eastment, Beller-Kenner; ESL Line
Description: Produces multiple choice tests with feedback for right and wrong answers. Version 2 is for IBM. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries. Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Choices 1.1

Machine: Win
Publisher: Creative Technology Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Description: This program by Martin Holmes enables teachers to create multiple-choice quizzes which students can do on the computer. Hints can be included as feedback to student responses, and quizzes can be done as timed tests or with no time limit. At the end of each quiz, the student receives a percentage score. (This is a sister program for ClozeMaker, with a very similar interface.) Freeware.

Clozemaker 1.1

Machine: Win
Publisher: Creative Technology Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Description: This program from Martin Holmes enables teachers to create cloze (gap-fill) exercises which students can do on the computer. Clozes can be created by automatic gapping of every nth word in a text, or by selecting words to be removed. Students can do the exercises as timed tests or with no time limit, and students may choose to see a list of the missing words, or the complete text of the cloze if they wish. At the end of each quiz, the student receives a percentage score. (This is a sister program for Choices, with a very similar interface.) Freeware.

Course Builder

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Discovery Systems International Purchase options: contact publisher
Level: Teacher
Info from: ISNL Feb 1992; ESL Line
Description: Authoring program for creating interactive computer training programs with sound, graphics and movies, without scripting or programming. Programs can automatically track and save student reports. Course Builder Cross Platform converts Course Builder programs created on the Mac for playback on Windows. Programs cannot be created on Windows, however. More features are available in more expensive versions.

Crossword Plus for Windows

Machine: Win
Publisher: Parsons Technology See also RDA Mind Builders
Approximate single-unit price: $25
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Description: Students can listen to clues or read them on screen. Comes with 100 puzzles and authoring capability. Can use colors and fonts to differentiate clues and subjects. Puzzles can be solved on-screen or printed out. Requires Windows and a sound card.

Dasher

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: KenCD Software See also Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: site/network $450
Level: Teacher
Info from: Magoto
Description: Widely used in foreign languages, this long-time authoring program hasn't made too much of an impact in ESL. One reason for that is that it has very limited authoring capability.

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you're limited to 4-5 types of exercises (and no scripting), and student responses are always evaluated letter by letter, word by word; the other is that it uses a rather traditional drill and practice paradigm. Becomes more interesting if the exercises include graphics, sound, or laserdisc access, but this kind of multimedia work can be better done with other programs.
No longer available from Conduit; now distributed by PICS.

Eclipse

Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel See also Wida, CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Approximate single-unit price: $85 Purchase options: UK£50; 2-10 users UK£100
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Levy, Taylor, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: Variant of Storyboard (whole-text deletion program) in which specific word groups can be displayed, e.g., prepositions. Excellent for group work with teacher-useful vehicle for thinking about groups of words and structures in written texts. Windows version available March 1999.

Evil Landlady Action Maze

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Creative Technology Purchase options: freeware
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, T
Description: An ESL action maze from Martin Holmes, implemented using HTML pages. Put it on your Web server or use it as an example for creating your own Web-based action maze. Freeware.

Exercise Generator Plus

Machine: Win
Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $150 Purchase options: $50 each level separately; lab, site
Level: Teacher
Description: Former Automatic Exercise Generator. This program, created in conjunction with Oxford University Press, generates and prints paper-based text and vocabulary exercises. It is based on a pool of 50 specially-written multicultural texts. Teachers select a text from the list of texts, choose an exercise type, and decide on the length of the exercise. The program generates the exercise. If it looks satisfactory, the teacher can print a student copy and teacher master copy (the license includes unlimited photocopying of all material). Exercise types include gap fill, sentence matching, jumbled words (anagrams), word search, proofreading, sentence gaps, sentence matching, word forms, vocabulary in context, and sentence organizer. A demo can be downloaded from the website. CD-ROM.

Formula Graphics

Machine: Win
Publisher: Harrow Software Purchase options: Freeware
Level: Teacher
Info from: Buell
Description: For interactive multimedia presentations with graphics, animations, and sound. Can link to a database and display information with hypertext and graphs. Object-oriented language. Presentations can be played from floppy disk, CD-ROM, directly through the Internet, or embedded in a Web page or other document. Free program.

Fun with Texts

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Camsoft
See also Wida Purchase options: UK£95; lab, site
Level: Teacher For: All
Description: Authoring package lets teachers write texts for use in 7 different student

programs: four versions of cloze (including automatic, selected, total-text and total-text with first-letter clue), word descrambling and prediction exercises, decryption and line-reordering. PC version includes a concordancer that will work on ASCII (plain text) files of any length. Add-ons available to enable on-screen instructions and feedback to be presented in Spanish, French, German or Italian. Wida Software's Storyboard texts can be read by Fun with Texts. Upgrades from the DOS to the Windows version are available at discounts of 30% to 50% for current users, depending on time of purchase of original program. $150 for a 10-user license for DOS/Win, $120 for a 10-user license for the Mac. Over 10 users, $15 per workstation for DOS/Win, $12 per work station for Mac, up to a maximum of $480 (DOS/Win) and $400 for Mac.

Gapkit 2.0

Machine: Win
Publisher: Camsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $55 *Purchase options: lab, site*
Level: Teacher
Description: A completely rewritten version of GapKit 1.0, it incorporates a range of new features for flexible gap-fill/multiple choice authoring program.
The teacher can copy and paste texts and clipart into GapKit from any application; create new gapped texts using GapKit's word-processing facilities; create gaps in any text simply by clicking and dragging the mouse; specify a range of up to 30 alternative answers for each gap; create multiple-choice exercises with specified or randomized distractors; specify if incorrect punctuation and letters typed in the wrong case should be penalized; include an optional 'hint line' for each gap; decide whether the hint line is to appear before or after the student attempts an answer; link a sound file with any gap; link a graphic image with any gap; resize the program window to accommodate any screen definition.
The student can attempt gaps in any order simply by pointing and clicking with the mouse; get help for any gap in the form of a 'hint line'; call up an audio clue for any gap; call up a picture clue for any gap; enlarge the font of the text and the multiple-choice window.
The program also offers an 'intelligent' analysis and feedback routine which homes in on the answer that the student is aiming at and indicates which letters or parts of the answer the student has gotten right; a wide range of fonts in different sizes and various combinations of screen colors; a conversion program to convert exercises created with GapKit 1.0 and Wida Software's Gapmaster; extensive on-line help. $120 for 10 user license, then $12 per workstation up to a maximum of $400 for a whole educational site. Discounts of 30% available for users of GapKit 1.0 and Wida's Gapmaster.

Gapmaster

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RELA, Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Levy, Hurst, Beller-Kenner; ESL Loc
Description: A cloze generator that can import text from other programs and print out. Hints can be added. Authorable. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries. Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Hot Potatoes Web Authoring Suite

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Creative Technology Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Info from: Holmes

Description: Hot Potatoes is a freeware suite of Win95 programs for making interactive WWW pages. These programs are effectively substantially improved versions of JBC, JQuiz and MiniTools. Users of previous versions of these programs are strongly recommended to upgrade, since the new versions are much improved. The suite is also available for Macintosh. Hot Potatoes is the work of the University of Victoria CALL Lab R and D team (Martin Holmes, Stewart Arneil and Hilary Street), A.K.A. Half-Baked Software.

HyperStudio
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Roger Wagner Publishing See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $120   Purchase options: school, district licensing
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All, Teacher
Info from: Garr; ESL List
Description: For people who have had trouble with HyperCard, this is extremely easy to use and requires only that you be able to point and click. You can produce programs to help your students in vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation (it has voice), lifeskills, reading, and writing. Windows 3.1 or higher.

Linguist, The
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $45   Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Teacher
Special use: bilingual (Fr, Sp, It, Ger, Rus, Jap, Heb, etc.)
Description: Create drills in French, Spanish, German, English, Russian, Hebrew, Japanese, and 13 other languages.

Matchmaster
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software   See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, REIA
Approximate single-unit price: $100   Purchase options: site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All, teacher
Info from: Levy, Taylor, Beller-Kenner; ESL List
Description: Authoring program for matching exercises. Students have three different 'games' they can play; all are designed to be played either against the computer or another student (the latter works better for language development). The speed is variable, with the fastest speeds a challenge even for native speakers. The program comes with several suggestions for items to pair, including vocabulary words and definitions, synonyms and antonyms, and even lines in a dialogue. Version 2.0 for IBM. 'Convert' facility automatically converts data files to Version 2. Windows 3.1 and 95 versions included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

MP Express
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Bytes of Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $50   Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher   For: All but K-2
Info from: ESL List
Description: CD-ROM based multimedia presentation tool that lets users create multimedia productions. MP Express can import and utilize any standard picture, sound, or video including QuickTime VR. It can also record narration. This can be used by students to create presentations. The company also sells resource CDs that contain movies, pictures, backgrounds, music scores and sounds for use with MP Express. Currently shipping Resource CDs include On the Brink: Endangered Species and Living Deserts & Rainforests.

Pinpoint Version 2.0

Machine: DOS, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Alfa, Athelstan, Eurocentres
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Levy, Eastment; ESL Line
Description: This authoring package is designed to help students to read more adventurously and sharpen their prediction and inference skills. The program invites learners to guess the subject of a masked out text, choosing from half a dozen possible titles. At the start just one random word is on view, but the viewing window is widened two words at a time until you see enough to make an intelligent guess. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Windows 3.1 and 95 version now included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Primary Power Pack

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab pack $95, site/network license $750
Level: Teacher
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: A special version for the primary grades of Teachers Power Pack with Test Creator and Puzzle Power.

Question Mark Testing & Assessment

Machine: Win, Mac, web
Publisher: Question Mark
See also Wida Purchase options: $1000-$2000 and up
Level: Teacher
Info from: CD (4/8/1998); Hunt; ESL Line
Description: This powerful piece of software incorporates several of the capabilities of the Wida/Eurocentres series; you can have, within the same file, a gap-filling activity, followed by a matching activity, which goes before a True / False, or a multiple choice activity. You can collate student answers, and analyze student results, either on a student by student basis, or taking the entire class into account. It can be used to make 'catch-up' tests for students who were unable to take a test with the others in the class. There is a Windows version, a Mac version, and one which allows you to create interactive material on the World Wide Web (QM Perception for the Web). Prices vary with the platform, starting at $995 (Win), $495 (Mac), and $1,995 (Web) from Question Mark America and from £999 (Win) £499 (Mac), and £1799 (QM Perception for the Web) from Question Mark UK.

Rhubarb 3.0

Machine: DOS
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders See also Delta, Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: site $140
Level: Advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: N Johnson, Beller-Kenner; ESL Line
Description: Whole-text reconstruction program. Students reconstruct the text one word at a time. Every place a word occurs is revealed when the student enters that word. The program can be played by pairs of students competing against each other or in competition against the computer. Authorable. Teachers can enter reading texts or transcriptions of listening exercises so that students will be reconstructing a text on the computer that they have already encountered in a different mode.

Sequitur

Machine: DOS
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders See also Alta, Delta, Athelstan, Higgins
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Bradin, Beller-Kenner; ESL Loc
Description: Students practice arranging sentences of a paragraph in correct order. The computer presents the first line of a text and three possible continuations. Authorable. Teachers can enter texts into the program that students have worked with in class for students to practice on in computer mode.

Storyboard

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Hurst, Levy; STDOT; ESL Loc
Description: Whole text deletion program. Can import text from other programs. One of the very rare programs for which preparation time (by the teacher) is MUCH shorter than the time required by the learner to finish the activity. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0 (IBM). Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries. Windows 3.1 and 95 version now included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Switch

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel Purchase options: shareware; $5 or £1.5 to charity
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: Teacher
Info from: Higgins
Description: Select variant forms in context. Learners see a short text and alternative forms for a highlighted word or phrase. For practicing active/passive, style variants, tests. Authorable. Freeware. Download from http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

Text Creator

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Custom Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Teacher
Description: Wide variety of test types available.

Testmaster Version 2

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Teacher
Info from: Moore; ESL Loc
Description: Similar interface to Gapmaster except in q/a format. The teacher types in a question or cue and the answer is programmed as a complete cloze with clues. It can tell you if you've made a punctuation error, etc. You can also program up to around 21 variations for one answer. You can type or import a text into the help screen(s), for example, and the questions may be related to that text. It's very versatile and useful at all levels. I haven't programmed anything into it; it seems to be extremely time consuming. It might be a good idea to set up a bank of exercises for this program as well. (Moore)
Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Text Tanglers 2.3

Machine: DOS
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders See also Alta, Delta
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Bradin, Jones
Description: A suite of text manipulation programs comprising jumbled sentence, jumbled paragraph, cloze, hangman, and cryptogram templates. The program is easily implemented and works on texts that users provide as ASCII text files. Can be run from within a single subdirectory, or can be run off texts on disks or in subdirectories specified by the user. The program works on individual computers or on networks, and in its registered version allows tracking of student progress. Once it is in place, users simply update texts.

VersaText 2.0/2.7 Author

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Novasoft/ICD Corp. See also Athelstan, Alta
Approximate single-unit price: $300
Level: Teacher
Info from: Milton, N.Johnson; STDOT, Beller-Kenner
Description: Authoring system for creating computer-based reading lessons. Teachers can enter specialized texts, create explanatory notes connected to parts of the text, and create true/false and fill in the blank comprehension questions. The program automatically can provide the student with reports on reading speed and paced reading practice. With the Macintosh version teachers can also add audio and graphics connected to each reading text and exercise. Version 2.7 is for DOS ($220).

Vocab

Machine: Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $200
Level: Teacher
Info from: Hurst, Levy; ESL Linc
Description: This offers six different word game activities from word lists entered by teachers. Games commonly found in vocabulary software include scrambled sentences, a sentence-level Hangman, and scrambled words. In addition, Vocab offers some thought-provoking work with Alphagame, where learners guess a word by its position in the alphabet before or after other words; Which word?, where students have to choose which gapped sentence a target word fits into; and Mindword, where learners are given clues about letters and their position to help them guess words. Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

WebCALIS

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Duke University
Level: Teacher
Description: WebCALIS is an experimental Java version of WinCALIS for PC, Mac, and UNIX platforms. It supports less than half the features of WinCALIS, but also includes numerous features which WinCALIS does not, such as full support for the World Wide Web; multiple hardware and software platforms, and HTML (so far only in a separate window--and v-e-r-y slow). Download a beta version from http://www.lang.duke.edu/webcal.htm

WinCALIS

Machine: Win
Publisher: Duke University
Level: Teacher

Description: Family of programs for authoring; interfaces with audio, video, and videodisc; Windows version of CALIS 2.5. Full range of multimedia presentation. Differs from other authoring environments by observing UNICODE conventions, i.e., all languages of the world uniquely identified and distinctively encoded. Contact the publisher for prices and ordering information.

WordFill v2.01

Machine: Win
Publisher: LinguaSy
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: $25 site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, Teacher
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: WordFill is an extended cloze testing engine. It displays a text with some words replaced by dashes and the student must complete the text. The teacher can decide which words are removed, so a Beginners text can have only a few words removed while an Advanced text has all but, say, proper nouns removed. It also has a timed display option so students can see the complete text for several seconds -useful for speed reading practice. (The number and duration of this display can be set by the teacher.) The program has a built-in word processor, on-line interactive tutorial and over 60 pre-loaded texts (half in business English). Texts can be added or edited freely. Very easy to use.
Works with all main European languages (including support for accented characters). Runs on Win 3.1 or later (including Win 95). Mouse recommended. A demo of the program can be downloaded or an order placed over the Internet from: http://www.classicweb.com/usr/jseng/sean/ls_home.htm

xMediaEngine-XP

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Herren, David
See also ftp://ftp.flannet.middlebury.edu/HT/ Purchase options: shareware
Level: Teacher
Description: This is the engine behind the other Herren programs and runs on either Mac or Windows. Shareware. Additional information is online at http://cet.middlebury.edu/XP/ (Guided Tour) and http://www.cet.middlebury.edu/software/xMediaEngine_update.html (general info).

TEACHER UTILITIES

Accelerated Reader

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Advantage Learning Systems
Approximate single-unit price: $400
Level: Teacher
Info from: Publisher
Description: Reading management software that includes student recordkeeping for 200 students and computerized quizzes for reading-range-specific books. A Spanish/English version is also available, with 100 computerized quizzes for reading-range-specific Spanish language books and 100 computerized quizzes for the same books in English language. Students receive feedback in the language they select: either Spanish or English. Dual tracking lets educators separate or combine reporting on reading practice in either language. Accelerated Reader for Spanish English can be added to an initial Accelerated Reader Starter Kit purchase for an additional $100. The elementary level (grades 1-3) quizzes are for titles such as Goodnight Moon, Amelia Bedelia, Charlotte's Web, Clifford series books by Norman Bridwell and Magic School Bus series books by Joanna Cole. The Middle Grades Starter Kit (Grades 4-9) includes quizzes for James and the Giant Peach, Stuart Little, The Courage of Sarah Noble, The Great Gatsby, and titles from Betsy Byars, Laura Ingalls Wilder, S.E. Hutton, and Scott O'Dell.

Annotation Templates for MSWord and WordPerfect

Machine: Win
Publisher: Creative Technology Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Description: Created by Martin Holmes, this is a complete set of macros and a toolbar for WordPerfect 6.1 and 7 and for Microsoft Word 7. It implements a button-based marking system for use within WordPerfect. Complete instructions for installing and using the system are provided. Freeware.

Crossword Compiler for Windows

Machine: Win
Publisher: Lewis, Anthony
See also Windows shareware sites Purchase options: £28 shareware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: all
Description: This is VERY easy to use. It is available via FTP: oak.oakland.edu /SimTel/msdos/windows3/ The filename is: ccwin15.zip
It's also at http://www.winsite.com/info/pc/win95/games/ccwin412.exe/

Crossword Creator

Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies See also MacConnection, MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT
Description: Crossword puzzle maker. Includes a thesaurus to help in generating clues. This package received several recommendations and was praised for being easy to use, though it helps to read the documentation in order to take advantage of all the features. Puzzles can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor.

Cutting Edge Demos

Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: CALL Multimedia Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher

Description: Demo activities with practice in listening, reading, writing, grammar, pronunciation, and mixed skills. These are the result of experiments by Jim Duber with different ways of using new technologies to deliver CALL modules via the web. Available at http://www-writing.berkeley.edu/chorus/call/cuttingedge.html

EA Prompted Writer, The

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $65 Purchase options: lab (5): 203, (10): 295; network: $395
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Fr, Ger, It)
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Simple word processor allows creation of 'prompted writing lessons' in English, Spanish, French, German or Italian.

Ellis Placement

Machine: Win
Publisher: CALI
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Info from: Beller-Kenner, Bishop
Description: This is an adaptive placement exam that helps evaluate students' skill level in ESL/EFL. Placement includes more than 1,200 validated questions testing the areas of grammar, reading, vocabulary and listening comprehension. According to each student response, Placement calibrates the difficulty of the next question. The student's proficiency level can be accurately established in a matter of minutes. If you are using other programs from the ELLIS product line, Placement will suggest which ELLIS program best suits the needs of each student.

EndNote Plus

Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Niles & Associates
Approximate single-unit price: $170 Purchase options: student: $100; lab: $139
Level: Advanced, teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Milton, Magoto
Description: Bibliographic software with one-step creation of bibliographies in over 300 styles, including APA, MLA, Chicago, etc., so it's useful for students, especially graduate students, from many different majors. Other features include storage of reference information in the EndNote database as a personal card catalog and the ability to import search results, including abstracts, from online and CD-ROM databases directly into the EndNote library without having to retype anything. Non-academic price is $300.

Gradebook Plus

Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Mindscape See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: Teacher
Info from: Corio; www.benchin.com
Description: Gradebook Plus is a DOS software program that helps educators keep track of grades and scores by providing an easy-to-use record keeping system. First, the class is set up by entering class data and student names and identification numbers. Next, individual grades are entered. At any time, the grades may be displayed on the computer screen or printed. In addition to raw totals and scores, Gradebook Plus will automatically calculate many useful statistics on individual students, on classes as a whole, or on individual assignments. Statistics include mean, median, and standard deviation. A histogram and grades based on an instructor-selected grading scale are also available. The teacher's manual explains how the program works, describes the different report options, and gives samples of the various reports.

GradeMaker for Windows
Machine: Win
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
Approximate single-unit price: $70 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Teacher
Description: Gradebook database with graphing and charting capabilities; some word-processing capability.

Hopalong
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel Purchase options: freeware
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: Higgins; CJ 3:4 1992
Description: This is a reading pacer and diagnostic tool for readers. It goes through a text, highlighting pages at a speed the reader can control. When the reader is finished, it displays a graph to show the way the text has been read. The reader can print the complete text with inserted marks to show where the reader sped up, slowed down, paused, or re-read a page or pages. The goal is to assist students in understanding their bad (and good) habits, not to replace reading on paper.
The program as it now stands has few texts, but the author would be happy to have the assistance of others in adding texts to the program. Download from
http://www.stir.ac.uk/epd/celt/staff/higgins.htm.

Hot Potatoes Web Authoring Suite
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Creative Technology Purchase options: freeware
Level: Teacher
Info from: Holmes
Description: Hot Potatoes is a freeware suite of Win95 programs for making interactive WWW pages. These programs are effectively substantially improved versions of JBC, JQuiz and MiniTools. Users of previous versions of these programs are strongly recommended to upgrade, since the new versions are much improved. The suite is also available for Macintosh. Hot Potatoes is the work of the University of Victoria CALL Lab R and D team (Martin Holmes, Stewart Arneil and Hilary Street), A.K.A. Half-Baked Software.

IdeaFisher 6.0
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: IdeaFisher Systems See also MacWarehouse
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6
Description: An idea generator and outliner with a large database of ideas and suggestions waiting to link up with your prompts.

Learning Styles Inventory
Machine: Mac, Win, DOS
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab (5): $200, (10): $295; network: $395
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey
Description: Students go through this questionnaire in the form of a HyperCard stack to analyze their learning styles. The program offers suggestions to enhance studying based on the learner's profile. The profiles for whole class can be stored, so that comparisons of an individual to the teacher or to the class can be printed. The interface on the Mac version was not the smoothest.

especially in terms of printing a diagnosis for each student, but it is workable. The Windows version may have a better interface, since it is newer.

Longman Mini Concordancer

Machine: DOS
Publisher: Longman Group Ltd.   See also Wida, Athelstan
Approximate single-unit price: $155   Purchase options: site
Level: Teacher
Info from: Taylor, Levy
Description: This Key-Word-in-Context (KWIC) concordancing program comes with a large textbase. It gives detailed information on word frequency and creates wordlists sorted by their beginnings or endings. Searches can use "wildcards"- all words ending with -ing or all words beginning with look-, for example. The user can switch instantly from any line in the concordance display to the full paragraph in which the line occurs.

LXR Test

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Logic eXtension Resources
Approximate single-unit price: $200   Purchase options: site
Level: Teacher
Description: High-end test generation software that offers a variety of scoring and test options and will produce multiple versions from a single test bank. Offers word processor text editing with rulers and tabs. Selects questions individually or randomly by objective or key word category. Scrambles both items and choices. Supports graphics and QuickTime movies. Includes built-in spelling checker. The Professional Edition is $500 and adds question bank password protection, question linking, global data changing, extended selection capabilities, mastery specifications, and various print options. The Scoring Edition for $900 adds an optical mark reader interface for automatic scoring and more detailed item and test analysis options.

Markin

Machine: Win
Publisher: Creative Technology
Approximate single-unit price: $30   Purchase options: shareware
Level: Teacher
Info from: Website
Description: Markin is a teacher's tool created by Martin Holmes for marking student writing in electronic form. A student's text can be pasted into Markin from an e-mail message or a word-processor file. The teacher can then annotate the text using a set of buttons, footnotes and other kinds of feedback. The marked text can then be exported as a World Wide Web page in HTML format, and sent back to the student. The student, opening the page in a Web browser, will see that parts of the text have been made into links. Clicking on a link will take the student to the teacher's comment or error diagnosis. The program will also automatically compile error statistics for each piece of work which is marked. Markin32 is the 32-bit version, only for Windows 95 and Windows NT. Shareware.

Micrograde

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Chariot Software Group   See also Lingo Fun
Approximate single-unit price: $95   Purchase options: site licenses starting at $290
Level: Teacher
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Teacher-management software for handling, student information, grades, and statistics in many report types, including teacher-designed ones. Upgraded to include importing & exporting of info, making of rosters & work sheets, attendance by day/student. Easy-to-use, flexible, and completely customizable.

MonoConc for Windows

Machine: Win
Publisher: Athelstan See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $90 Purchase options: site
Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, teacher
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Concordance program. Can load multiple files totaling several million words, then view contents from within the program. Searches can be case-sensitive or case-insensitive, have wildcards, and include non-letter characters such as '-' or apostrophes. Unwanted concordance lines can be deleted, while a multi-line context can be displayed for a given concordance line. A word list function with a frequency count and calculation of the frequency of collocations is also included.
Results can be sorted by search word, text order, or first or second word to the left or right.

MP Express

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Bytes of Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-2
Info from: ESL Linc
Description: CD-ROM-based multimedia presentation tool that lets users create multimedia productions. MP Express can import and utilize any standard picture, sound, or video including QuickTime VR. It can also record narration. This can be used by students to create presentations. The company also sells resource CDs that contain movies, pictures, backgrounds, music scores and sounds for use with MP Express. Currently shipping Resource CDs include On the Brink: Endangered Species and Living Deserts & Rainforests.

Primary Power Pack

Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab pack $95, site/network license $150
Level: Teacher
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: A special version for the primary grades of Teachers Power Pack with Test Creator and Puzzle Power.

Print Shop Deluxe

Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All
Info from: N Johnson, Beller-Kenner; ESL Linc
Description: This computer tool is very useful in enabling students to complete such tasks as creating greeting cards, signs, personalized letterhead stationary, banners and calendars. The program comes with lots of interesting pre-made graphics which students can use in the creation of their projects. The new Print Shop Deluxe edition on CD-ROM adds the following capabilities to the previous editions: scalable graphics; color printing; TrueType fonts (which can also be scaled without losing any quality); new styles of ready-made graphics to serve as backgrounds for individual letters or as a border for a whole side of a text; special pre-made headline texts; 'rich text,' which allows users to change fonts, styles, sizes and colors within individual words; a new utility to export Print Shop Deluxe graphics to other programs; and a layout program to facilitate creative mixing of text and graphics. Earlier disk-based version is slightly less expensive.

SuperMemo
Machine: Win
Publisher: SuperMemo USA
Approximate single-unit price: $30
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey
Description: This program helps users memorize vocabulary (or other memorizable items, such as spelling lists and irregular verb forms). It spaces repetitions of items in such a way as to maximize learning. ESL version available. Teachers can add their own databases of items for their students to learn. Runs under DOS or Windows.

Test Creator
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Teacher
Description: Wide variety of test types available.

Testmaster Version 2
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: site (25 users) $300
Level: Teacher
Info from: Moore; ESL Line
Description: Similar interface to Gapmaster except in q+a format. The teacher types in a question or cue and the answer is programmed as a complete cloze with clues. It can tell you if you've made a punctuation error, etc. You can also program up to around 21 variations for one answer. You can type or import a text into the help screen(s), for example, and the questions may be related to that text. It's very versatile and useful at all levels. I haven't programmed anything into it- it seems to be extremely time consuming. It might be a good idea to set up a bank of exercises for this program as well. (Moore)
Windows 3.1 and 95 version included in Wida's Authoring Suite.

Word Cross
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz See also Lingo Fun, Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: all
Info from: Alpern, Koons, Beller-Kenner
Description: A program that allows you to create crossword puzzles and to make as many different versions of the puzzle as you choose. You can print an answer key as well. Clues can be printed on a separate page from the puzzle.
One user noted that the copy protection scheme is very cumbersome.

Wordsearch Creator
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab pack $60, site/network license $250
Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: All
Info from: ESL Line
Description: Creates three types of word search puzzles: standard wordsearch (target words are hidden in a grid of letters), clues puzzles where students see clues to the hidden words, and fill-in-the-blank puzzles where students see a paragraph with the missing words found in the puzzle. Can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word processor.

Elementary Education Titles

Academy of Reading, The

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Win
Publisher: Autoskill International   Purchase options: network
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: pre K-12
Special use: Elementary ed, literacy
Info from: Hirst, Svoboda; ESL Line
Description: A phonics-based literacy product, this program uses graphics, sound, and animation to steer teacher and student through pre-testing, prescribed exercises, then post testing. Strong management component. Has screens for reading difficulties in oral, aural, motor, speed, response, and other areas. Special needs accommodated. No reading ability needed to begin but requires ESL teaching to accompany product. Can be used on a network or in standalone mode.

Ace Reporter

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Mindplay   See also Learning Services, Conexus, World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $50   Purchase options: network, lab pack, site license
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: All but K-2
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Students read 'teletype' messages and conduct 'phone interviews' to find answers to Who, What, When, Where and Why questions. Once their stories are complete they select the best headline for the story. CD-ROM and disk available for Mac and Windows.

Adventures with Edison

Discontinued
Publisher: Hwa Software

All About Me!

Discontinued
Publisher: Creative Pursuits

All-in-One Language Fun!

Discontinued
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems

Allie's Playhouse

Skill(s): literacy
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Opcode Interactive See also online/mail order
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: pre K-3
Special use: literacy, elementary ed.
Info from: Pacheco
Description: We use this with related lessons. Children can practice the alphabet, get an introduction to numbers from 1-10, practice parts of the body, and do other beginning level vocabulary tasks. There is very little text as part of this program, so the teacher has to supply the vocabulary and give students tasks to perform.

AmandaStories

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Voyager Company   See also EduCorp
Approximate single-unit price: $15

Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: CD-ROM-based graphical adventure stories about Inigo the Cat and Your Faithful Camel with color animation, sound effects, and music but no text. Students select objects using the pointer, thereby determining the course of the story. To have any value in the language classroom, students must have a task set by the teacher that requires language, such as talking with a partner about what to do next, writing about what the animals did, or creating a similar story of their own.

Art Lesson, The

Skill(s): listening, reading, writing
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab packs from $190-2100
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-4
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Students explore and experience a story based on the original work of author Tomie dePaola. They can read the story, hear it read to them by the author, and explore the text and living illustrations. Integrated art activities let students create with the author. Also includes video clips as they explore Tomie dePaola's studio, hear him tell about his childhood experiences, and learn about his life as an author and illustrator. Requires CD-ROM drive.
MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble

Skill(s): listening, reading
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-6 and family literacy settings.

At the Zoo

Skill(s): vocabulary
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary, literacy
Info from: Healey, CJ 3-4 1992
Description: The opening screen is a zoo map that learners click on to navigate to different areas, such as the lions, birds, monkeys, seals, etc. Learners click on animals and other items in each scene to hear the word spoken with digitized sound and see the name of the item. Good for beginning level of proficiency. The Spanish version offers translations into Spanish in the online dictionary. A testing module lets students hear the word, then click on the corresponding item.

Bilingual Graph Club

Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions
Approximate single-unit price: $130 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary

Info from: catalog, Bishop
Description: Students can use this to construct, organize, and describe data with a variety of graphs. It includes a library of over 150 icons, and will count numbers aloud as the graph is created. Information can be represented in Spanish or English. On CD-ROM.

Bilingual Reading Comprehension

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single unit price: $230 Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is a reading comprehension program in Spanish and English that features immediate on-screen translation of stories into either language. It features 36 stories with colorful graphics. Includes audio capability for students to hear key words translated into either language.

Billiards 'N Homonyms

Skill(s): vocabulary
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: 3-8
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Website
Description: Students see a sentence to complete at the top of the screen, and try to shoot a billiard ball at the pocket near the appropriate homonym. Correct choices make it into the pocket. The word lists can be customized. The English and ESL version includes two sets of disks, one in English and one in Spanish. In the Spanish version, vocal instructions are in Spanish and text is in English. Part of the Heartsoft Bestseller collection.

Bio Sci II Elementary

Skill(s): listening
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Videodiscovery See also Learning Services
Approximate single unit price: $300
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-8 (3-6)
Special use: Science, bilingual, elementary
Description: Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Brick by Brick

Discontinued
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning

Cat Came Back, The

Skill(s): reading, pronunciation
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest
Approximate single unit price: $40
Level: , beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: Stories can be read in English, French, or Spanish. Students can record and play back their voices while pronouncing any of the [illegible] words in the story. They can also sing along to the

story's song and create and their own stories with graphics. A teacher's manual is included, with lesson plans, worksheets, and blackline masters. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Cell ebration

Skill(s): listening
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Science for Kids   See also Educational Software Institute
Level: , beginning   For: K-6
Special use: Science, elementary
Description: A thematic science curriculum on the Cell for K-6 classrooms in English and Spanish. Requires a CD-ROM drive. Students play the computer-based game "What's alive?," learn about magnification (The program comes with a microscope and pre-stained slides.), learn about cells from the scientists who first developed microscopes and discovered cells (Anton van Leeuwenhoek and Robert Hooke), and design "new" cells based on what they've learned in the lessons.

Coloring Book 3.2

Skill(s): writing, reading, listening
Machine: Mac
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Level: , beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Opp-Beckman
Description:

Core Reading and Vocabulary Development

Skill(s): reading, vocabulary
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Educational Activities
Approximate single-unit price: $675   Purchase options: lab (5) $1350; (10) $2025; network: $2700
Level: , beginning, intermediate   For: 3-6, Adult
Special use: Elementary
Info from: N Johnson, ESL Line
Description: This program is a comprehensive approach to reading and language development. In the first phase, students see and say each word. In the Mac version students can hear each word pronounced. They can also record their pronunciation and compare it to the model. This digitized speech option in DOS computers requires an Ars Vox I/O Board, Tandy sound chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster. The second phase is a reading of the lesson text, 2-5 sentences per screen. The same text is then presented in a timed reading exercise, one phrase at a time. The reading speed can be set from 25 WPM to 250 WPM.
Next the student completes a fill-in exercise using a word list at the bottom of the screen. Students are then presented with comprehension questions. These are in a Yes/no format. Students can refer back to the text to find the answer, and on an incorrect response the computer highlights the sentence where the answer should have been found.
Writing practice is conducted with the students' completing each word of a sentence from the text where the first letter of each word is given. In a variation of the word-completion exercise, students watch a target word move across the screen; when the word reaches the center of the screen it stops and part of the word disappears. The students type the missing letters. In one more word level exercise the students choose the correct spelling of a word from two distractors.
The TESOL/CELIA CD has a demo of this program. Mac version includes audio output of program directions in either English or Spanish. (NJ)

Dr. Peet's Talk/Writer

Skill(s): writing
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning   See also Comenius

Approximate single-unit price: $99   Purchase options: lab (5) $150, site
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate   For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: Talking word processor which 'says' letters and words as they are typed. Includes a large-text word processor and drill in identifying letters. Helpful for beginning readers, adults, and children. The Mac version works with a Unicorn Board and Adaptive Firmware Card or IntelliKeys. The MS-DOS version requires Digispeech 201A or later.

DressMe
Skill(s): vocabulary
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Idiom Software
Approximate single-unit price: $30   Purchase options: $100 site
Level: , beginning, intermediate   For: K-8
Special use: elementary
Info from: [illegible]
Description: This simple ESL program developed by teachers focuses on clothing and accessory vocabulary. Students dress male and female characters through commands they give. Students see graphics and vocabulary words, and use both in activities. The program includes an online speaking glossary. Multiple program site licenses available.

Easy Street
Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Mindplay   See also Learning Services, Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $39   Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: K-3
Special use: Bilingual, elementary, literacy
Description: Builds reading and math readiness skills. Teaches counting, classification and labeling in English and Spanish. Can be customized for special needs.

Edunetics Interactive Series (Grades 4-6)
Skill(s): Reading
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Steck-Vaughn   See also Harcourt Brace
Purchase options: lab pack available
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: 4-6
Special use: elementary, science
Description: Earth science, biology, and history simulations designed for native speakers. CD-ROM. Individual titles range in price. All are listed separately on the Steck-Vaughn website, not listed as Edunetics.

Edunetics Interactive Series (K-4)
Skill(s): Reading
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Steck-Vaughn
See also Harcourt Brace   Purchase options: lab pack available
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: K-4, T
Special use: elementary, science
Description: Phonics, Time, Dinosaurs, African Wild Animal Adventures, Earth Care, Violent Earth readings. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM. Individual titles range in price. All are listed separately on the Steck-Vaughn website, not listed as Edunetics.

ESL Companion
Discontinued
Publisher: Creative Pursuits

First Connections: The Golden Book Encyclopedia
Skill(s): reference
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $60   Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Intermediate, advanced   For: Pre-K-4
Special use: Elementary
Description: Designed for grades 4-6, this CD-ROM-based reference uses audio and graphics to enhance learner understanding of the text. Students can search by title, medium, or category. It also includes a reference game where students get questions to look up in the encyclopedia. Runs on the Mac (System 7.0.7 or higher, 4MB RAM, 4MB hard drive space) and under Windows 3.1. Lab pack of 5 is $240; lab of 15, $690; site (30), $1320; site (50), $2100.

Gessler QKids Enrichment Kit
Skill(s): vocabulary, reading, listening
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $100   Purchase options: lab, network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: K-6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Three components, also sold separately: QPictionary, using a talking ABC board to build vocabulary and alphabet knowledge; QRead, with six video and audio stories; and QPix, with seven games for word identification through reading or listening. Each component is $40. CD-ROM.

Great Beginnings
Skill(s): writing
Machine: DOS, Mac
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
Approximate single-unit price: $70   Purchase options: network, site
Level: , beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: Students create stories based on thematic vocabulary provided in the program's "story starters." Students can choose graphics to illustrate their own stories and print them.

Heartsoft Bestseller
Skill(s): comprehensive
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $400   Purchase options: $400 lifetime site
Level: , beginning, intermediate   For: K-6
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Website
Description: A set of 12 Heartsoft products, including Billiards 'n' Homonyms (vocabulary game), Bubblegum Machine (sight words with key words), Coin Changer (practice recognizing the value of coins and bills), Electric Math Chalkboard (uncover a picture by answering math questions correctly), Electric Coloring Book (keeps students within the lines), Great American States Race (social studies game about the US), Memory Master (concentration with letters and numbers), Reading Rodeo (literacy game), Sleuth Master (a mastermind game - guess the hidden 4-number code), Spinner's Choice (a version of Wheel of Fortune - guessing words or phrases in

categories), Tommy the Time Turtle (practice in telling time), and Word Capture (wordsearch puzzles). The ESL version includes copies of each program in Spanish. Network/site license for $400 lets schools add copies as their needs grow.

Heather Hits Her First Home Run

Skill(s): listening, reading
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This story is about how children feel in life's crucial moments, and shows the value of perseverance and team spirit. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

I Love You in the Sky, Butterfly

Skill(s): reading, listening
Machine: DOS
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $170
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Nine-unit series includes storytelling videos, teacher support materials, shared storybooks and audio tapes, and activities for parent involvement.

Jump Start Reading series

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-2
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Three programs, sold separately: JumpStart Kindergarten Grade Reading, JumpStart 1st Grade Reading, and JumpStart 2nd Grade Reading. Multimedia drill with game elements designed to promote literacy. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Kids Time Deluxe

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Great Wave Software See also Learning Lab Software, Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: network, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: Helps children develop early learning skills through computer generated speech, graphics, and writing.

Learning English: Home & Family

Skill(s): comprehensive
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $50

Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-12, Adult
Special use: Elementary
Description: A comprehensive ESL program designed for students in grades 4-12 using a theme-based multimedia approach. Each unit introduces vocabulary and tests student comprehension of theme-related information. Students listen to and read conversations between characters, write and practice speaking their own related conversations and complete a variety of other instructional activities including computer-based TPR and task completions. If using an IBM or compatible, this program runs under Windows.

Learning English: Primary

Skill(s): comprehensive
Machine: Mac, DOS, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $50
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-3
Special use: elementary
Description: A series of six programs following a theme-based, integrated approach to ESL. Each program consists of three components--Story Reader, Story Thinker (comprehension questions and activities) and Word Time. The six programs in the series are: Me, Myself and I (new friends and parts of the body); Animal Antics (the world of animals); The Time Shop (seasons and time concepts); World of Numbers (grouping, counting and comparing sets of objects); School Days (people, places, activities and objects found in school); and Home, Sweet Home (things in and around the home). Requires CD-ROM drive. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows.

Let's Go Interactive

Skill(s): comprehensive
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: DynEd International See also Oxford University Press
Approximate single-unit price: $600 Purchase options: 1 level for $130; site and lab
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K -4
Special use: Elementary; bilingual (Sp, Port., Jap.); literacy
Info from: Bishop
Description: A six-level, 12 CD-ROM series designed for children ages 4-10 (pre-readers and early readers), adapted from the American English textbook series by Oxford University Press. Animated cats provide guidance throughout. Each lesson builds on the previous ones. Each level contains 8 units with conversation, vocabulary, grammar, and phonics lessons plus songs and a game, following a grammatical syllabus. A teacher's book, other classroom aids, and some bilingual versions are also available. 1 level for $129; networkable.

Let's Go Read: An Island Adventure

Skill(s): Reading
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: school version avail.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K - 1
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: Reading skills in an adventure format. Hybrid Win/Mac CD-ROM or on disks by platform. Designed for native speakers. The CALL Interest Section had some problems with installing the CD-ROM at TESOL- not enough system resources.

Life Science, Earth Science, Physical Science

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Scholastic Software

Approximate single-unit price: $200 Purchase options: series by grade level; network, site
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: 3-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: Gray, A. Bishop
Description: Science programs that help children to build their own understanding of basic ideas in life, earth, and physical sciences. Many separate titles for $50 each or packaged by grade level (grades 3-6) for $200.

MathKeys

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $100 Purchase options: lab pack, site license, district license
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: Bishop
Description: Contains the following content areas: Whole numbers, probability, geometry, measurement, fractions & decimals. Also available in Spanish. Titles sold separately.

McGee Series

Skill(s): listening
Machine: DOS, Mac, Win
Publisher: Lawrence Productions See also Learning Lab Software, Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: school version, lab, site
Level: , beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: Designed to encourage exploration and language development. Incorporates animation and digitized sound. Includes McGee, Katie's Farm, and McGee at the Fun Fair; each is purchased separately.

Millie's Math House

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Edmark Corporation See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: school version avail.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-3
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: CD-ROM with interactive math activities. A Spanish version is also available.

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache

Skill(s): listening, reading
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A warm and sensitive story exploring children's feelings about moving. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Mud Puddle

Skill(s): listening, reading
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A charming story about a little girl that is always attacked by a mud puddle, and how she responds. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Multimedia Flash Cards

Skill(s): vocabulary
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: EuroTalk See also Delta Systems, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: , beginning For: K-9
Special use: elementary
Description: An computer-based flash card system designed to teach English as a second language to children. Features several games for learning the vocabulary and the capability for students to listen to digitally recorded pronunciations of each word and also to record their own voices. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows.

My Words

Skill(s): reading, writing
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning See also Comenius
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: CD (4:6/1988), N.Johnson
Description: Word-processor with speech capability (uses a speech synthesizer). Words are spoken as they appear on the screen. The computer stores a list of each users words in a 'word bank.' Students can see or hear the words in the word bank in a window of the screen while doing additional word processing. Useful for Language Experience Approach activities. DOS version is on disks, while the Mac version is on CD-ROM.

National Geographic Society Wonders of Learning CD-ROMs

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: National Geographic Society Educational Services See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $80
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: This presents 36 books on eight CD-ROMs. Narrators read the stories, accompanied by background music and sound effects. Color photographs, word and syllable pronunciations in English and Spanish, and interactive picture buttons let students explore and learn. The features can be customized by teachers.

The stories are Exploring the Solar System and Beyond, Animals and How They Grow, Our Earth, People Behind the Holidays, Seasons, The Human Body, A World of Plants, and A World of Animals.

Nicolai's series

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: H+a Software
Approximate single-unit price: $25 Purchase options: lab
Level: , beginning For: Pre-K-2
Special use: elementary
Description: A number of separate titles with Nikolai as the central character. Titles include Nikolai's Treats and Nikolai in Outer Space for ages 6+, and Nicolai's Pirates, Toys, Nights, Pharaohs, and Mysteries for ages 4+.

Northern Lights: The Soccer Trail

Skill(s): reading, listening
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Description: Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families dealing with tragedy. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio 'labels' to enhance student understanding. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Picture Cue Dictionary

Skill(s): vocabulary
Machine: Mac/Win*
Publisher: Attainment Company See also Educational Software Institute
Approximate single-unit price: $235
Level: Literacy, beginning For: All
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Vocabulary presentation program organized around four thematic units: shopping, meals, appearances, and home. Display mode presents the target words together with a corresponding picture and digitized pronunciation one by one. In Matching mode the students match the word to the picture--testing what they've learned. Teachers can modify the order and content of lessons for each student. Has IntelliKeys overlays for students with limited manual dexterity. CD-ROM.

Playroom, The

Skill(s): listening, reading
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: Wivell
Description: Early Learning software on CD-ROM. Activities teach reading and math readiness, basic keyboarding. Has speech and is compatible with TouchWindow. This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick.

Primary Power Pack
Skill(s): teacher utilities, authoring
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
Approximate single-unit price: $55 Purchase options: lab pack $95, site/network license $350
Level: Teacher
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: A special version for the primary grades of Teachers Power Pack with Test Creator and Puzzle Power.

Primary Steps to Comprehension
Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $200
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: elementary, bilingual (8 languages)
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is an interactive reading program with 36 original stories written at 6 different reading levels. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program include a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. Multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Promise is a Promise, A
Skill(s): reading, listening
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: Catalog; ESL Linc
Description: Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families working together to solve problems. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio 'labels' to enhance student understanding. If using an IBM or compatible, this program requires an MPC-compliant machine and runs under Windows. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Q Kids
Skill(s): comprehensive
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Approximate single-unit price: $1000 Purchase options: Components also sold separately.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: CD-ROMs, readers, audio and video cassettes are part of this comprehensive program for young learners of English. A variety of activities. QKids Kit includes QSteps Kit ($470) and QSurf Kit ($600). QSteps 1 and 2 CD-ROM can be purchased separately from the videos, audio cassettes, teacher's manual, and other Kit components for $140. QSuft 1 and 2 CD-ROM can be purchased separately for $140. Lab, network, and site options are also available.

Reader Rabbit 3

Skill(s): reading, writing
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Learning Company, The   See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35   Purchase options: lab, site
Level: , beginning, intermediate   For: 2-4
Special use: elementary
Description: Students complete stories by writing their own phrases or choosing from prewritten selections. A newspaper can be a class project. Available on Mac and Windows disks or a Mac/Win CD-ROM.

Reader Rabbit Reading 1

Skill(s): reading, vocabulary
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The   See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35   Purchase options: lab, site
Level: Literacy, beginning   For: K-2
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: STDOT
Description: This program is designed to make learning to recognize letters and words fun for younger children. It uses brightly-colored graphics with smiling animals to motivate sound-symbol practice. Several different types of exercises are included, mostly phonics-related. Students can choose which type of activity to do; a record-keeping function is included so that the teacher can see what the learner worked on and how s/he did. CD-ROM.

Reader Rabbit's Interactive Reading Journey 2

Skill(s): reading, vocabulary
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The   See also Learning Services
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: , beginning, intermediate, teacher   For: K-2
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Bishop
Description: Thirty stories; games that promote phonics, word recognition and comprehension. On CD-ROM.

Reading Blaster series

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac/ Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $35   Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: For: pre-K-6
Special use: literacy, elementary
Description: The Reading Blaster series has three programs: Ages 4-6, Ages 6-9, and Ages 9-12. Multimedia drills and games build reading skills. CD-ROM. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Reading Blaster Vocabulary: Ages 9-12

Skill(s): vocabulary
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $35   Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: , beginning, intermediate, advanced   For: 3-6
Special use: elementary

Description: Multimedia drill with game elements. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Reading Magic Library

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions See also Learning Lab Software
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab, network, site; five-title pack
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: K-3
Special use: Elementary
Description: Interactive storybooks of the 'create your own adventure' type let students step into the shoes of lovable heroes, choosing what will happen next. Students can record themselves reading or create QuickTime movies of their stories. Stories include Jack in the Beanstalk, Hansel and Gretel, Flodd the Bad Guy, Fidd and Martina in Tough Kudd, and Hilary and the Beast. They can be purchased individually or as a five-title pack.

Reading Rodeo

Skill(s): reading, vocabulary
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-1
Special use: bilingual, literacy, elementary
Description: Literacy skills are the focus, with audio prompts. Icons show how to make letters, and graphics are used for letter associations. The rodeo motif comes in with the Cactus Kid, who lassos 104 cartoon graphics which begin with corresponding letters. The English and ESL version includes 2 sets of disks, 1 in English and 1 in Spanish. This title is included in Heartsoft Bestsellers.

Sitting on the Farm

Skill(s): reading, speaking
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $40
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Description: Children can listen to the story, reading along as the words are highlighted, write their own story, record themselves singing the theme song, and publish their own interpretations of the story. Material is in French, Spanish, or English. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

Spanish/English Literacy Skills

Skill(s): writing
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Approximate single-unit price: $80 Purchase options: $80 lab pack of 5
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Description: CD-ROM based writing activities in both Spanish and English versions. Topics include English for You; My First Sentences; Class Journals; Chant, Chant, Chant; Poetry for Young Poets; The Me Disk I, Sentence Writing I, Sentence Combining with Aesop; Sentences to Paragraphs I. Mac and Windows CD-ROMs sold separately.

Spelling Blaster: Ages 6-9

Skill(s): vocabulary
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, T version
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: 3-6
Special use: elementary
Description: Multimedia drill with game elements. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials.

Steps to Comprehension

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Win, Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Approximate single-unit price: $285
Level: , beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Now part of Classworks, a comprehensive classroom management tool. This component is an interactive reading program with 90 original stories written at 11 different reading levels. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program include a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. Multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Stickybear's Early Learning Activities

Skill(s): comprehensive
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Optimum Resource
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: $100 school version
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K-6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Description: Introduces young children to the English alphabet, counting, shapes, opposites and colors. Instructions for the six different activity options for each lesson objective can be in either English or Spanish. The lessons can be done either following computer prompts or in a more independent exploration mode. Available on disk or CD-ROM.

Stickybear's Reading Room

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Optimum Resource See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60 Purchase options: network, site
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N.Johnson
Description: Teaches pre-reading and basic reading skills in both English and Spanish. Exercises include match the word, find the word, and build a sentence. Activities use colorful animation and digitized speech.

Story Club

Skill(s): comprehensive
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Knowledge Adventure Purchase options: Part of Davidson Literacy Program
Level: , beginning For: All but HE
Special use: elementary

Info from: Healey
Description: This is an extensive program that uses multi-cultural folktales as the basis for a whole language approach. The target audience is K-6, but older children and adults can also enjoy the stories. The CD-ROM has digitized speech and graphics that enhance the computer-based activities designed for classroom use and individualized study. Students can read as they listen to the folktales, work on vocabulary, and do writing tasks (with graphics from the story that they can color in, if they so desire). In addition, it has teacher-led activities using barcode-controlled videodiscs. Extensive teacher's manuals are provided. Installation is included with some network purchases.
Price is approximately $6,000 - $12,000 depending upon the system configuration and the number of users.

Storybook Maker/Deluxe

Skill(s): discussion, writing
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $45 Purchase options: lab $135
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-4
Special use: Elementary; literacy
Info from: Beller-Kenner
Description: Learners use the included picture cards to create a story that they can then tell to their classmates. Learners click on and drag the images they want to the desired location on the page. Students can also type in words. The Deluxe version reads words letter by letter, word by word, or by sentence and supports QuickTime movies. This graphical program will require a task set by the teacher for students to have much language learning benefit from using it. Runs on a CD-ROM under Windows or on the Mac.

Storybook Weaver

Skill(s): writing
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services, Gessler
Approximate single-unit price: $50 Purchase options: lab pack, site license
Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: literacy, bilingual, elementary
Info from: Bishop, Foley-Vinay
Description: A creative tool for kids to write and illustrate their own storybook. Students can choose from hundreds of images and scenery combinations, plus a variety of borders and type styles. They can also add sounds and music to their stories. Story Book Weaver Deluxe on CD offers more graphics and animation, spoken word narration, and both English and Spanish writing capabilities. The disk version is slightly less expensive.

Tapestry Early Learning Programs

Discontinued
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.

Thinking Things Collection 1

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: lab, school version
Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K -6
Special use: elementary, literacy
Info from: Wivell, justice

Description: Thinking Thinks develops problem solving skills for small children but is also quite useful all the way to adults for oral language development in discussing attributes: color; striped; polka-dotted; plain; curly hair; glasses. Visit the Fripple Shop and Feathered Friends, especially.

Thomas' Snowsuit

Skill(s): listening, reading
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Harmony Interactive
Approximate single-unit price: $10 Purchase options: school version
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Description: Requires a CD-ROM drive. An interactive story with listening support in either English or Spanish. Tells the story of the many ways adults try to get Thomas to wear his snow suit. The reading of each sentence can be slowed to make it more accessible for ESL students. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Tommy the Time Turtle

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Mac, DOS
Publisher: Heartsoft
Approximate single-unit price: $35 Purchase options: lab, site, network
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3
Special use: literacy, elementary, bilingual
Description: Practice in telling time. ESL version includes a set of disks in Spanish, where vocal instructions and all text are in Spanish, as well as a set of disks in English. This is also sold as part of the Heartsoft Bestseller package.

Tomorrow's Promise Spelling

Skill(s): vocabulary
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Jostens Home Learning
Approximate single-unit price: $100
Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3
Special use: literacy, elementary
Description: CD-ROM-based spelling program for young learners. Full year of instruction on each CD, with 14 activities and 3 games for each of 60 word lists. Learners can create their own stories and create their own storybook with the words. Extensive classroom management.

Tortoise and the Hare

Skill(s): reading, listening
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also World of Reading
Approximate single-unit price: $40 Purchase options: lab, network, site, teacher's ed.
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Description: Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive. If this program is used on an IBM or compatible, it requires an MPC-compliant machine.

Treehouse, The

Skill(s): listening, vocabulary, reading
Machine: Mac, Win
Publisher: Broderbund See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $35
Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Pre-K-6
Special use: elementary
Info from: Wivell
Description: This is not ESL stuff, but most of it can be easily demonstrated by the teacher, and kids catch on real quick. Includes seven educational games. Students explore the on-screen hideaway, learning about music, animals, mathematics, sentence structure, money & place value. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Trudy's Time and Place House

Skill(s): reading
Machine: Win/Mac
Publisher: Edmark Corporation
Approximate single-unit price: $20 Purchase options: school version avail.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K - 3
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Description: Time and geography instruction. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM.

Ultimate Writing and Creativity Center

Skill(s): writing
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Learning Company, The
Approximate single-unit price: $30 Purchase options: network, site license
Level: , beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Description: Word-processor with graphics, sound, and animation add-ons. An interactive cartoon character prompts students through the prewriting process. Best for children, due to the nature of the graphics included. Comes on CD-ROM.

WiggleWorks

Skill(s): comprehensive
Machine: Mac
Publisher: Scholastic Software
Approximate single-unit price: $1750 Purchase options: network, site
Level: , beginning For: K-2
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: Gray, A. Bishop
Description: Children learn reading, writing, speaking and listening skills with this set of materials, including books, other print material, and CD-ROMs. Titles include Pizza, Kites, Raindrops, What Lila Loves, The Ball Game, The Tree House, What's Inside, and several others.

Word Birds

Skill(s): Vocabulary
Machine: Mac/Win
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing.
Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K - 3
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Description: Multimedia, thematically-organized vocabulary for native speakers. Very easy to use. Only available outside the US through a Prentice Hall Regents international distributor. CD-ROM.

Word Hound

Skill(s): vocabulary
Machine: Mac/ Win
Publisher: Mindplay See also online/mail order
Approximate single-unit price: $60
Level: , beginning, intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Description: Students direct a mouse making its way through a maze, avoiding the cat and trying to reach the dog house, where they are asked questions about vocabulary. At the beginning level, learners are asked to match a picture/word combination with one of two below. Learners progress to more difficult matching questions as they work their way through the game. All instructions are spoken. Learners get more points with each correct answer. Learners can listen to instructions in English or Spanish. Available on CD-ROM or disks. A separate Spanish version is also available. A demo version is on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM.

WordStuff

Discontinued
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest

Writing Journal, The

Discontinued
Publisher: Creative Pursuits

Zak's Word Games

Skill(s): vocabulary
Machine: Win
Publisher: Addison Wesley Longman
Level: , beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Website
Description: A series of 24 word games. Children collect pieces of the Wheel of Knowledge when they play each word game. When they have collected all 24 pieces, the space alien Zak is able to go home again. Students can use a 2000-word online dictionary to help them solve the puzzles. Available in British and American English versions. CD-ROM.

TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM LIST OF TITLES

The following is a list of titles on the TESOL/CELIA CD-ROM available from TESOL. Most of the software except for publisher demos is also available online at CELIA, http://www.latrobe.edu.au/www/education/celia/celia.html. Most of the CELIA holdings for the Macintosh are also available in floppy disk format from the CALL-IS Macintosh Library; contact information is in the Publisher section.

Title	Machine	Skill	Publisher/Author	Level
A+ Advanced Learning System Demo	Win, Mac	Demo (Comprehensive)	American Education Corp.	adv
ABC123	Win	Reading	Robert Mashlan	beg
Accelerated English Demo	DOS	Demo (Comprehensive)	Courseware Publishing International	int
Accent Improvement Demo	Mac	Demo (Pronunciation)	SpeakWare	any
Active English Demo	DOS	Demo (Comprehensive)	Courseware Publishing International	int
Adventure Game Demo	DOS	Demo (Reading)	Roger Kenner	adv
Aesop's Fables 1.1	Win	Reading	Jon E. Noring	int
AIDS stack	Mac	Reading	Tulane University	adv
Al Bunny's Typing Class	Win	Writing	SunMoon USA	any
All Clear! Idioms in Context Demo	Mac	Demo (Vocabulary)	Heinle & Heinle	int-adv
Alphabetizing	Mac	Reading	Elizabeth Hanson-Smith	beg
Anagrams, Word Game and Word Search	DOS	Vocabulary	Terry Conkright	adv
Articulation Practice	Mac	Pronunciation	Elizabeth Hanson-Smith	int-adv
BatMemes	Win	Writing	Grasshopper Enterprises.	any
Bookie v1.0	Win	Reading	Jim Buell	any
BookWorm 0.91	Win	Writing	G. Goldsborough	any
CÆLL Journal Annotated Bibliography	Mac	Teacher Utilities	Healey	teacher
CDictation	Mac	Teacher Utilities	David Herren	teacher
Charlotte's Web Quiz + Reference	Mac	Reading	Elizabeth Hanson-Smith	int
Choicemaster data files	Mac	Grammar, Vocabulary		int-adv
Clinton Debate	Mac	Listening	Jim Duber	adv
Computer Camp	Mac	Listening	Jim Duber	adv
Computer Jargon Help File	Win	Vocabulary	Wolfgang Strobl	int-adv
Computerized Citizenship Test Demo	DOS	Comprehensive	Educational Activities	int
Conc 1.70 + corpora	Mac	Concordance	Summer Institute of Linguistics	int-adv
Constructing the Paragraph	Mac	Writing	Elizabeth Hanson-Smith	int-adv
Core Reading and Vocabulary Demo	Mac	Demos	Educational Activities	beg-int
Cross Country USA Demo	DOS	Demo (Discussion)	Didatech	any
Crossword Compiler for Windows, v3.1	Win	Vocabulary	Antony Lewis	any

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